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Trip fruitful, Shultz says

SEOUL, Feb. 8 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz on Tuesday ended his trip to Japan, China and South Korea by pronouncing the journey a "very worthwhile undertaking."
He told reporters his discussions in the three countries were "serious, thoughtful and well prepared." Shultz tried to minimize the importance of a lukewarm commentary about his trip by the official Chinese Xinhua news service, saying it was not a change in Peking's attitude, and that his first visit to China was worthwhile.
"We learned a lot," he said, adding that "there were problems when we arrived, and there are still problems."
Xinhua said shortly after Shultz left the Chinese capital that the visit was helpful only "to some extent." The agency said the issue of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan hampers development of relations between Washington and Peking, and added that mutual trust is "out of the question" between the two countries until the arms sales question is resolved.

Frenchmen urge death for Barbie

LYONS, Feb. 8 (R) — Demands are growing swiftly for the execution of former Gestapo officer Klaus Barbie if French courts find him guilty of crimes against humanity during World War II.
Although the death penalty was abolished in France in 1981, influential politicians have called for changes in the law in case 69-year-old Barbie is convicted.
The accused Nazi war criminal imprisoned in Lyons since his expulsion from exile in Bolivia at the weekend, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison under the French law.
Francis Leontard, secretary general of the opposition party led by former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, said he hoped Barbie would be guillotined if found guilty. "Other countries have changed their law to meet this kind of situation," he said in Paris. "I hope that France will do likewise."
Ordinary people in Lyons evoked a parallel with Adolf Eichmann who was kidnapped by Israel from South America, tried and hanged for his role in the Holocaust.
"The Israelis changed the law to deal with Eichmann. There is no reason why we cannot do the same," said a man inside the Lyons prison where Barbie is held. Barbie is accused by France of murdering or deporting thousands of Jews and French freedom fighters in Lyons between 1939 and 1944 as well as killing resistance leader Jean Moulin.

Panel holds Sharon, Eytan guilty of massacre
Begin overlooked murder orgy for 2 days

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8 (AP) — The commission that probed the Beirut massacre recommended Tuesday that Defense Minister Ariel Sharon resign.
The report, handed to reporters at 10 a.m. (0800GMT), said Sharon bore "personal responsibility" for the massacre in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps. It said that if Sharon did not quit, Prime Minister Menachem Begin should dismiss him.
"We have found," the three investigators wrote in the 108-page public section of the report, "that the minister of defense bears personal responsibility. In our opinion it is fitting that the minister of defense draw the appropriate personal conclusions arising out of the defects revealed with regard to the manner in which he discharged the duties of his office."
It noted that Begin "may, after informing the cabinet of his intention to do so, remove a minister from office."
The recommendation was a stunning setback for Sharon who was the architect of the Lebanon invasion that led to the September massacre.
The findings pointed to an earthquake in Israeli politics, opening the possibility that the government would resign and set on early election, Israeli radio said.
The report also called for the dismissal of

the head of military intelligence, Maj. Gen. Yehoshua Saguy.
It said Begin, along with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and the head of the Mossad Intelligence Service whose name is secret "bear some responsibility," but it did not recommend their dismissal.
It also drew "grave conclusions with regard to the acts and omissions of the chief of staff," Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan.
The report said the investigators were not satisfied with Begin's testimony that he never imagined that in letting the militiamen into the camps, Israel was risking a massacre.
It said Begin acted "with indifference" and did not pay sufficient attention to the horrifying events as they unfolded. "For two days after the prime minister heard about the Phalangist entry he showed absolutely no interest in their actions in the camps," the report said.
The commission said that the possibility of the Phalangist massacre could have been foreseen. The report said that Begin should have known of the possibility of a massacre and should have expressed an interest and closely followed the events. Begin's "lack of

involvement in the entire matter casts on him a certain degree of responsibility," the report said.
The commission leveled withering criticism at Sharon, saying he was so eager to make military gains by letting the Lebanese into the camps that he ignored the safety of their innocent occupants.
He "disregarded the danger of acts of vengeance and bloodshed by the Phalangists against the population of the refugee camps and ... failed to take this danger into account when he decided to have the Phalangists enter the camps," it said.
It said Sharon also was responsible for failing to prevent or reduce the danger of a massacre. "These blunders constitute the non-fulfillment of the duty with which the defense minister was charged," it said.
The commission went on to chastise military chief Eytan, saying it would have recommended his dismissal, if he were not up for retirement anyway in April.
The paper-bound Hebrew text contained 58 pages describing events, 57 pages fixing "responsibility for the massacre" and seven pages of conclusions. About 10 percent of the total report was not published because it covered sensitive security matters.
Israel radio said Begin now had three options: The government could continue to function while dismissing Sharon, or Begin could resign and call an election, or the opposition Labor Party could try to form a coalition.

Begin adopted a business-as-usual attitude. Aides said he canceled no appointments, and held a meeting as scheduled with visiting U.S. senators while radio stations were reading the report to an expectant nation.
The findings are not legally binding, but carry supreme moral weight and cannot be ignored by any government concerned about public opinion.
On Maj. Gen. Amir Drory, commander of Israeli forces in Lebanon, the commission ruled that he had been saddled with "multiple, complex and difficult" option during the war, and had taken certain measures to stop the slaughter. Drory was to blame for not persisting with those measures, the report said, but it made no recommendation to penalize him.
Gen. Amos Yaron, who was commander of Israeli forces in Beirut at the time of the massacre, was barred from command positions for at least three years, the commission recommended.
It suggested that a cabinet committee appoint experts to examine other shortcomings in the army and recommend dismissals, if necessary.
The report expressed astonishment that the decision to send the Lebanese into the camps "seemed so unimportant that the defense minister did not see fit to inform the prime minister and receive his assent." It concluded that Begin was not informed of the fateful decision until he held a cabinet meeting shortly after the militiamen already were

in the camps.
It found nothing wrong with Begin's failure to obtain details about the operation, saying he had other matters to deal with "and he was entitled to rely on the optimistic and claiming reports of the defense minister that the entire operation was going on without hitches and in a most satisfactory fashion."
But it said it could not accept Begin's contention that "such a danger was entirely absent from his mind."
It noted that Begin himself had justified Israel's entry into West Beirut as necessary to prevent communal bloodshed in the wake of Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel's assassination. Thus it did not accept his insistence that nobody imagined a massacre could occur in the camps.
It said that had Begin showed more concern about a potential bloodbath, it would have prompted Sharon and Eytan to take

Salient points in a nutshell

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8 (R) — Following are highlights from the official English translation of the Israeli judicial inquiry report into last September's massacre of Palestinians in Beirut:
Defense Minister Ariel Sharon is blamed for not forcing a massacre when he decided to send Lebanese Christian militia into the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in south Beirut.
"In our view, the minister of defense made a grave mistake when he ignored the dangers of acts of revenge and bloodshed by the Phalangists against the population."
"It is fitting that the minister of defense draw the appropriate personal conclusions (Israeli expression for resignation) ... and if necessary that the prime minister consider whether he should exercise his authority to remove him from office."
Prime Minister Menachem Begin is criticized for his "independence to the military decision" being taken by Sharon at the time of the massacre.
"The prime minister's lack of involvement in the entire matter casts on him a certain degree of responsibility," the report said.

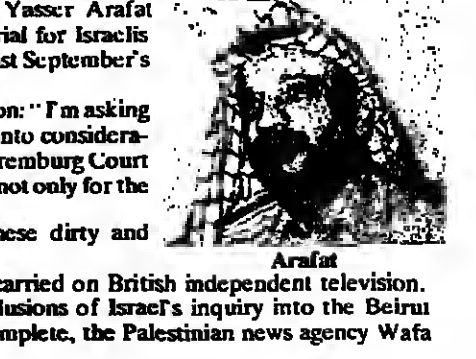
Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir is censured for failing to pass on early information he received from another minister about the massacre. But this omission did not justify asking him to resign, the report said.
"It is difficult to find justification for such disdain for information that came from another member of the cabinet," it added.
Chief of staff Rafael Eytan is severely criticized for disregarding the danger of sending the Phalangists into the camps. The commission said it was meaningless to demand Gen. Eytan's dismissal because he was due to retire in April and an extension of his command was not being considered.
"The chief of staff did not order the appropriate steps to avoid the danger (of a massacre) and his failure to do so is tantamount to a breach of duty," the report said.
Director of Military Intelligence Yehoshua Saguy is blamed for "indifference and a conspicuous lack of concern, of shutting his eyes and ears to a matter which it was incumbent on him to open his eyes and listen well."



DEATH AND MAYHEM: Picture mirrors the massacre of innocent Palestinians in the camps of Sabra and Shatila in Beirut by the Christian Phalangists who were allowed in by the Israeli forces occupying the city.

Arafat demands global probe

AMMAN, Feb. 8 (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat Tuesday called for an international war crimes trial for Israelis and Americans who he said were responsible for last September's Beirut massacre.
He said in an interview shown on British television: "I'm asking the whole international public opinion to take it into consideration and to have an international court, like the Nuremberg Court (that tried Nazi war criminals after World War II), not only for the Israelis but for the Americans too."
"The Americans have been involved with these dirty and shameful massacres and genocide," he added.
The interview, by an American network, was carried on British independent television. Arafat told Jordanian television that the conclusions of Israel's inquiry into the Beirut massacre last September were important but incomplete, the Palestinian news agency Wafa said.

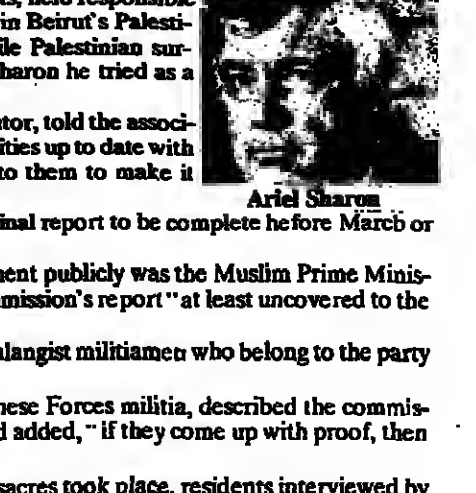


Arafat

Wafa said Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), told Jordanian television that the conclusions were incomplete "because they did not include a decisive condemnation of Menachem Begin and members of his government who are involved, with American support, in the shameful massacre."
Wafa said Arafat told the television that an international tribunal should be set up to investigate the massacre.
Imad Shakkour, a senior advisor to the PLO chairman, said the PLO believed Sharon should be put on trial. Briefing reporters in Amman where the PLO leader is staying at a government guest villa, Shakkour also called for a condemnation of the United States which he said encouraged "Israeli aggression and has been directly involved with the military clique which carried out the crimes."
Imad Shakkour told reporters the PLO believed Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon should not merely resign, as recommended by the inquiry, but should be put on trial.
"They were positive results, but they are not sufficient," he said. "We consider the recommendations of the commission as only a first step. Sharon's resignation is not enough. It must be followed by being put on trial."
Shakkour said the findings of the inquiry commission were also inadequate because crime of Sabra and Shatila is not just the personal responsibility of a number of individuals but a general Israeli responsibility. He said the PLO also calling for an international tribunal to investigate the massacre.
Several hundred Palestinian and Lebanese civilians were killed when Israeli forces allowed Lebanese Christian militiamen into the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps during the Israeli take-over of West Beirut last September.

Try criminal Sharon, survivors cry

BEIRUT, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — Christian rightists, held responsible by an Israeli inquiry for the Sept. 16-18 massacre in Beirut's Palestinian refugee camps, remained silent Tuesday while Palestinian survivors demanded Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon be tried as a "war criminal."
Assad Germanos, the Lebanese military prosecutor, told the associated press: "I keep the concerned Lebanese authorities up to date with the development of the investigation and it's up to them to make it public or not when it's complete."
Germanos said he did not expect the Lebanese final report to be complete before March or April.
The only Lebanese government official to comment publicly was the Muslim Prime Minister, Shafiq Wazzan, who told the AP the Israeli commission's report "at least uncovered to the world who was really responsible."
The Israeli commission blamed the Christian Phalangist militiamen who belong to the party of Lebanese President Amin Gemayel.
Fady Hayek, spokesman for the Christian Lebanese Forces militia, described the commission's report as a "purely internal Israeli affair" and added, "if they come up with proof, then we can comment."
In the camps of Sabra and Shatila where the massacres took place, residents interviewed by reporters Tuesday focused their anger on Sharon, the architect of the Israeli invasion.
"Sharon ought to be put on trial like the guy they brought from Bolivia to France (former Nazi Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie). Sharon should be tried like him because he is a war criminal, because he planned and carried out the massacre which took place," said Mustafa, a 32-year-old Palestinian plumber who said he was shot 11 times by the marauding militiamen and still has a bullet in one knee joint and another in his chest.
"He (Sharon) was responsible to protect the lives of the civilian people," added Mustafa, who said he lost his wife Amal and three children in the massacre.
Other refugees in both camps echoed his call for a trial and further punishment for those found responsible for allowing the attack to occur.
"Everyone had a hand in the massacre, not only Israel, everyone, including the Arabs," said Mariam Haji, 56, a Palestinian who said she fled the militiamen and was shot at. "We did not carry arms, we did not fight, we, the old people and the children."



Ariel Sharon

Warning to Iran
Retreat or court death—Iraq

BAGHDAD, Feb. 8 (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein warned Iran Tuesday that his forces would be courting "death and degradation" if they continued to attack Iraq.
The Iraqi said Monday they killed 6,894 Iranians and crushed a new Iranian offensive launched in the Al-Shaib area of the Misan border province southeast of Baghdad on Sunday night.
"We advise Tehran's rulers, out of our keenness not to shed more blood, to take a lesson from the bitter experiment in the Shaib area and to listen to the voice of peace and pay attention to their people's interests," President Hussein told the official Iraqi News Agency (INA).
Iraq said nothing Tuesday about any military operations on the Gulf war front, and radio and television programs returned to normal, suggesting a lull in the fighting.
This week's offensive is the latest by Iran in a series which has seen the battlefield move from inside Iran to the border area. Both sides have portrayed the new battles as possibly decisive in the 29-month-old Gulf war.
Baghdad television Monday night screened a film showing what it said were the

bodies of scores of Iranian soldiers — some of them dismembered — scattered over the battlefield.
President Hussein called on "rational Iranians" to see the film and "judge the tragic aspect which reflects the bitter truth." The Iraqi leader warned that if the Iranians tried another attack, "Iraqi fire will be awaiting for them."
Meanwhile, Iran said Tuesday its forces had recaptured a further 50 square km (20 miles) of Iraqi-held territory Monday night in an area south of Fakhkh in southern Iran.
It said, quoting a military communique, the number of Iraqis killed and wounded since the start of a new offensive launched on Sunday night had reached 800. It said one colonel and several high-ranking officers were among Iraqi prisoners transferred behind Iranian lines.
The official Iranian news agency IRNA Tuesday quoted parliamentary speaker Hojatolislam Hashemi Rafsanjani as saying that Iran would continue its latest offensive until Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was overthrown.

SAMA restricts syndicated loans

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) has issued a circular to the domestic banks requiring prior approval before riyal-denominated loans may be syndicated with the participation of offshore banks, banking sources have reported.
The Kingdom's banks, following the circular dated Jan. 20, may be required to restrict their syndicated loans. SAMA does not want the riyal to become an international currency, and the agency's general policy is to discourage the participation of foreign banks in riyal finance operations, and also to encourage local banks to keep riyals inside the Kingdom, for investment.
The circular requires prior SAMA

approval in three areas: local bank invitations to foreign banks to participate in any riyal-syndicated transaction; local banks participating in riyal-syndicated loans outside the Kingdom; and local bank participation in foreign currency (i.e. dollar) syndicated transactions arranged for non-residents.
The consequences could be that banks with dollars to lend abroad may be prevented. Saudi banks will do more business together in syndicated loans; and Bahrain's banks may be frozen out of Saudi banks syndicated loans.
However, large-scale loans, e.g. the vast telephone contracts of 1979-80, can easily go beyond the credit limits of a single bank (SAMA restricts the amount of any one loan to 25 percent of the bank's funds) and may even be too big for a deal involving all the Kingdom's banks. If foreign banks are not allowed to take part in syndications there may be difficulty in raising loans.
Syndicated loans are handled by a consortium of banks, with one bank "lead-managing" the loans, and thus gaining extra commission. The credit risk is shared, and small banks can participate in large loans.
Banks here are proceeding with loans "in the pipeline" but are holding off on new deals until more clarification from SAMA.
The Kingdom's banks already suffer from severe competition from the 100-plus Bahrain banks whose salesmen — the Briefcase Bankers from Bahrain — offer cheap lending rates to Saudi businesses.

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Stronger relations stressed

Kingdom, N.Yemen call for Israeli withdrawal

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and the Yemeni Arab Republic have expressed satisfaction with the distinguished relations between the two countries and stressed their determination to further develop and consolidate them in the interest of both peoples.

A joint communique issued here Monday night at the conclusion of North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh's visit to the Kingdom said Saudi Arabia expressed deep sympathy and pain over the devastating earthquake which struck Dhamar region recently.

It added that the Kingdom reaffirmed its interest in helping relieve the sufferings of the victims and rebuilding the stricken areas.

The communique said the two sides underlined the importance of preserving the unity of the Palestine commando movement and backing it materially and morally "far from any non-Palestinian influence, it being the basis of solving the Palestine problem."

It expressed deep anxiety over Israel's procrastination in withdrawing its invading troops from Lebanon and called for their speedy and unconditional withdrawal from all Lebanese territory. Furthermore, the communique expressed the two countries' determination to persist in their goodwill efforts to re-establish Arab solidarity and unity in the interest of Arab and Islamic causes.

It said the two sides reviewed Arab questions of joint interest and shared identical views on them. It noted that a settlement for

the Palestine question should be based on Arab summit resolutions which affirmed the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and the establishment of an independent state in their homeland under the leadership of their sole legitimate representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The communique said King Fahd accepted President Saleh's invitation to visit the Yemen Arab Republic at a time still to be fixed. Saleh was accompanied on his visit by Premier Dr. Abdulkarim Al-Iryani and Foreign Minister Ali Lutf Al-Thor.

Finance minister to join IMF talks

RIYADH, Feb. 8 (SPA) — Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Abu Al-Khail left here Tuesday for Washington at the head of an official delegation to take part in an International Monetary Fund (IMF) meeting, opening Thursday.

The IMF's Provisional Committee is due to discuss during its two-day deliberations a number of questions, including a report on the world economic situation and increasing the fund's resources.

The IMF is made up of members of the world organization excluding the Eastern bloc.



MAZDA CONFERENCE: A visiting Japanese delegation representing the Toyo Kogyo (Mazda) Japan and its exporting company, the C. Itoh Japan, conferring with the senior officials of the Hajj Hussein Alireza & Co. Ltd., Mazda's exclusive distributor in the Kingdom, in the local company's board room, Tuesday. From left to right clockwise K. Okada, M. Watanabe, T. Haraguchi, Hideo Suetsugu, Takashi Abe, T. Sudo, S. Suzuki, M. Beadle, I. Shibata, T. Kishi, Hassan A. Abdul Hasan, Hussein Alireza and Saeed Ahmad.

Won Japanese Car of Year Award

New Mazda model introduced to Saudi market

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — The new Mazda 626 series, with a number of special features, was introduced to the Saudi Arabian market during a ceremony in the presence of a delegation of the Japanese manufacturing and exporting companies and the Kingdom's distributing company officials here Tuesday.

The new model, which won the coveted annual Japanese "Car of the Year Award" from a competing field of 41 domestic models entered at the recently held Tokyo Motor Show, has earlier been introduced with an "excellent" response in Japan, the United States and some Arab countries like Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Kuwait and Muscat. Hideo Suetsugu, general manager of the C. Itoh Japan, the exporting company of the Toyo Kogyo (Mazda) Japan, told Arab News.

The second and third prizes went to Toyota and Honda.

Suetsugu said it is for the second time in the last three years that Mazda won the award which is instituted by a committee formed by major automobile journals of his country. The genuineness of the award can be assessed from the fact that the committee is made up of as many as 51 members, including journalists, university scholars and engineering specialists.

Until the award was instituted in 1981, each magazine gave its own award to the car of its choice. Now, the committee's selection is made foolproof with the voting system in which all the 51 members participate. The 1981 award went to Mazda 323 and the next year it was bagged by Toyota, he said.

Suetsugu said his company opened a new automatic factory at Hoofu, near Hiroshima, in October 1982, where 155 robots and 1,800

men produce 20,000 cars and 7,000 complete knockdown (CKD) units every month. If robots had not been there, at least 3,500 more workers might have to be employed, he said. British Leyland, for instance, employs 10,000 workers to manufacture the same number of cars as Mazda does, he added.

Explaining its special features, T. Sudo, project manager of Toyo Kogyo said the new F-series engine has been made compact and lightweight for greater fuel economy, optimum space utility and transverse mounting in a front wheel drive configuration. An aluminum water pump recessed into the engine block, single row radiator cores and cogged timing belt are among the numerous measures that contribute to the lightweight compactness of the new engine.

Its outstanding features are: Noise and vibration reduction, all-new power plant engineered to excel, high-tech driver's seat, 10-way adjustable seats, four-season climate control, serene interior, expanded boot capacity, optimum space utility, all-new drivetrain for high performance in driving and the completely redesigned chassis meeting the high performance standards of driving enthusiasts.

A strut type suspension with unequal length A-shaped lower arms that helps eliminate varying turning response in right and left turns, effective braking performance even under the most severe conditions, a quick and precise rack and pinion steering system that has improved straight ahead stability and minimized effort to steer, and the exclusive Twin Trapezoidal (TTL) system are the other features of the new series.

T. Kishi of the C. Itoh the Mazda market in the Kingdom has been steady in the past few years. In both 1981 and 1982, over 45,000 Mazda cars were sold in the Kingdom each year, constituting 18 percent of the total sales of all car makes.

Hussein Alireza, managing director of the Hajj Hussein Alireza & Co. Ltd. Mazda's exclusive distributor in the Kingdom, said an "unhealthy" trend in the competition experienced is the re-export of certain car makes from the Kingdom abroad. For instance Alireza said, as many as 2,000 Toyota commercial pick-ups and land cruisers are being re-exported from the Kingdom's eastern Province to Iraq every month.

The visiting Japanese delegation includes K. Okada, S. Suzuki and I. Shibata, all representing the C. Itoh; T. Haraguchi and Takashi Abe representing the Toyo Kogyo (Mazda) Japan; and M. Beadle representing the H.H.A. Company.

The visitors were given a dinner reception Tuesday evening at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, hosted by the Hajj Hussein Alireza's Managing Director Hussein Alireza, Director Hassan A. Abdul Hasan and General Manager (commercial vehicles) Saeed Ahmad.



CAR AWARD: This cup symbolizes the annual Japanese 'Car of the Year Award', which was won by the new Mazda 626 series at the recently held Tokyo Motor Show.

Bahrain electronic communications show opened

MANAMA, Bahrain, Feb. 8 — Bahrain's Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications Ibrahim Humaidan Monday opened the third Middle East Electronic Communications Exhibition (MECOM) in Bahrain.

In his address at the opening ceremony Humaidan paid tribute to the tremendous advances in the telecommunications services of the Gulf states since the first Bahrain MECOM in 1979 and stressed that Bahrain was fully committed to take its part in the

Italian furniture exporters delegation arrives on Friday

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — An Italian delegation of furniture makers and exporters from Pesaro will visit Saudi Arabia on Feb. 11-20 for trade promotion in one of their major markets, according to the Italian Embassy commercial office trade analyst, Samir M. Salamah.

He told Arab News the mission is sponsored by the Pesaro Chamber of Commerce and will commence its 17-day visit of various Arab countries with the Kingdom. The group will tour Bahrain on Feb. 20-21, Abu Dhabi Feb. 22-23 and Kuwait Feb. 24-26.

The 17-member delegation is headed by Pesaro Chamber of Commerce President Giorgio Tombar and accompanied by Furniture Association President Claudio Ciancamerla. They will meet members of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Feb. 12 along with leading furniture importers, he added.

Salamah said the team will be in Riyadh on Feb. 13-14, Dammam on Feb. 15-16, Abha on Feb. 17 and Al-Ahsa Feb. 18-19 and will meet with chambers of commerce and importers of the area.

"Italy remains the No. 1 supplier of furniture in the Kingdom and the Pesaro chamber organizes the visit of delegations every year to Saudi Arabia for developing new contacts and consolidation of the existing business relations," Salamah said. They will invite importers to attend sixth Pesaro Furniture Exhibition to be held on May 26-28 this year, he added.

W. German trade ties discussed

RIYADH, Feb. 8 (SPA) — West German Agriculture, Food, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Josef Ertl met Agriculture and Water Resources Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh here Tuesday. Discussion covered ways of developing cooperational animal husbandry through the exchange of technical know-how. Four committees have been formed to follow up the subjects discussed.

Ertl, also met Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim and held talks on ways of developing agricultural trade cooperation.

KLM holds 'European Carousel' package tour travel presentation

By Devadas Kini
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 8 — KLM Royal Dutch Airlines recently held a presentation on a package tour program called "European Carousel" for about 90 travel trade representatives at the Riyadh Marriott Hotel. The presentation comprised a slide show with a commentary on about 20 tourist packages in three broad categories, according to Cedric De Souza, senior sales representative based in Al-Khobar who came here especially for the event.

He told Arab News that holiday bargains, holiday on wheels and cruises are three main categories offered by KLM for visitors to the Netherlands. Happy Holland bargain and Holland summer surprise tours are in the first category. These packages offer a hotel for one night and three days of travel by car or public transport all over Holland. A holiday on wheels includes car rentals, motor homes,

drive-ins (flexible car rental-hotel plans) and rail-ins (flexible rail travel-hotel plans). Cruises include Rhine cruises for 3 to 14 days, hotel barges (three, four or seven day cruises on Holland's waterways) and sailing boats (three to seven days of sailing over Holland's waterways). These cruises will be in barges converted into luxury hotels.

These tours, he said, have been approved by the Netherlands' Board of Tourism (NBT), the national tourist organization which constantly supervises the quality of tourist facilities and services in the Netherlands.

There was another presentation as well, said Neeres Anserian, passenger sales manager based in Riyadh, and it was all about the tourist facilities available at the Amsterdam Schiphol airport, which according to him, has been adjudged as the leading airport in the world, by International Business Traveler magazine.



EXHIBITION: The Middle East Electricity and Electronics Exhibition evoked a good response with nearly 6,774 visitors including dignitaries, high ranking government officials, top executives and technical experts, during the first three days. Shown here is a part of the exhibition displaying various electrical and electronic products.

Middle East Electricity Exhibition draws 6,774 visitors from Arab world

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — The Middle East Electricity and Electronics Exhibition has attracted a total of 6,774 visitors from throughout the Arab world in the first three days since the fair started on Feb. 5.

The exhibition, which is being held at the Jeddah Expo Center, will continue until Feb. 9. It is organized by the Al-Harithy Company of Jeddah and Fairs and Exhibitions of London.

Visitors to the show have come from Egypt, Sudan, Qatar, Kuwait, Syria and North Yemen. From the Kingdom itself, visitors have come from a very wide range of cities, including Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam, Alkhobar, Dhahran, Taif, Makkah, Madinah and Yanbu, according to a spokesman for the organizers.

Representatives of official bodies within the Kingdom have included the Ministry of Industry and Electricity; the Ministry of Agriculture; SCECO East, West and Central; the Saline Water Conversion Corporation and the Saudi Telephone, he added.

Engineer Muhammad Taiba, governor of the General Electricity Corporation, inaugurated the show, where nearly 300 companies from 20 countries, are displaying a wide range of products and services for the electrical and electronics industries. Over 30 of these firms are from Saudi Arabia.

Distinguished visitors to the show included Lothar Spaeth, prime minister of Baden-Wuerttemberg, who is on a visit to the Kingdom for trade talks. British Ambassador to the Kingdom Sir James Craig, French Ambassador Pierre Rocalve and Swiss Ambassador Andre Maillard.

The organizers hope to attract a specialist audience with the power to purchase has also been reflected in the quality of attendance so far. Professionals from respective trade and industries who visited the show included electrical and electronics engineers, project engineers, technical managers, company directors, purchasing managers, consultants, mechanical engineers, system programmers, data controllers and computer programmers.

Many companies have reported a high level of activity on their stands and expressed satisfaction with the quality of visitors' attendance. Representatives of many firms have also indicated that their presence at the show will result in firm contracts.

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Oil glut won't affect defense policy -- Sultan

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, the second deputy premier and minister of defense and aviation, has ruled out any direct impact of the current oil glut on Saudi Arabia's armament policy, *Ola* reported.

In reply to a question whether the curtailment of oil production or lower oil prices by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) may affect the world economy and leave their imprint on the Kingdom's armament capacity and expenditure on the armed forces, the prince said, "I do not think so, at all."

Meanwhile, Prince Sultan, Tuesday honored 160 graduates from eight training courses at the Air Defense Academy, *Al-Riyadh* reported. The graduates include nationals from Gulf and sister Arab countries. More than 96 percent of the academy's teaching corps are Saudi Arabians. Students with primary degree certificates are given SR675 per month during training; those who have the secondary school certificate or its equivalent receive SR750 per month, in addition to other advantages.

As soon as they graduate, secondary school students are given the rank of lieutenant and SR4,874 per month if they completed the operation course, and SR5,244 per month if



Prince Sultan

they specialize in maintenance. The students also enjoy free accommodation with their families, medical care and other advantages. When on a scholarship mission, their basic salary is increased by 75 percent. The building of the academy's installations here began in 1966 and they now cover a 110,310 square meter area.

Relief rushed to Asir flood victims

ABHA, Feb. 8 — Relief aid is being rushed and essential repairs speeded up in the wake of torrential rains and floods which hit Asir Province last week killing at least 26 persons and injuring scores of others. *Al-Jazirah* reported considerable material damage was caused by the deluge.

All paved roads in the area, houses, farms, crops and whole villages were destroyed and many inhabitants rendered homeless. Tunnels and bridges also sustained heavy damages.

Asir Deputy Governor Prince Faisal bin Bandar bin Abdul Aziz has established a relief committee under the area police commander. Officials are now trying to assess the damage. Prince Faisal participated in the helicopter rescue operations which took place on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

A special committee has now been established which will begin to immediately accept donations for the victims and send aid to assist them. Initial aid has already been rushed to the victims, including food and tents.

Some asphalted roads are now being repaired in the hardest-hit areas of Oena, Fahma, Darb and Shagiq, where entire families in the wilderness have been cut off from the exterior and are awaiting rescue.

Arab Gulf center to help handicapped planned

RIYADH, Feb. 8 (SPA) — Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, UNICEF's special envoy and AGFUND's president, has said preparations are under way to set up an Arab Gulf center for preparing experts needed for handicapped institutes.

"The new center, to be set up by the Gulf



JAL AWARD: Saudi Tourist and Travel Bureau (STTB), the largest travel agency and ground handling company in the Kingdom, has won a top award for its sales and services to Japan Airlines in the first year of operation in Saudi Arabia. Prince Saud bin Abdul Aziz, left, general manager of STTB, is shown here receiving the award from Japan Airlines Regional Manager Kozo Haraguchi, right. STTB Deputy General Manager John Hartnett is in the center.

Saudi Arabian travel agency wins major award from Japan Airlines

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — Saudi Tourist and Travel Bureau (STTB), the largest travel agency and ground handling company in the

Kingdom, has won a top award for its sales and services to Japan Airlines in the first year of its operation in Saudi Arabia. STTB Deputy General Manager John Hartnett told *Arab News* Japan Airlines each year gives three awards to companies whose services are considered to be best for JAL worldwide. JAL started its Jeddah-Tokyo-Jeddah flights via Karachi and Bangkok last year and STTB is its general sales agent and ground handling agent in the Kingdom.

Hartnett said the award is being given on the basis of sales made by the company and services provided. "In the first year of operation my company made a record level of sales," he added.

He said the standard of ground services is judged by cleaning and loading of aircraft and services provided to passengers. "It was so efficiently managed that there was no delay during the first year of operation," Hartnett said.

He said JAL intends to double the passenger carrying capacity between the Kingdom and Japan during the current year. It operates two flights a week now with DC-8's, which is expected to be replaced this year by DC-10's having double the capacity.

Tailors, shops cautioned on uniform sales

TAIF, Feb. 8 — In sales involving military uniforms certain procedures, including a special license, are required, according to a statement issued by the Public Security Department's garment section.

In a joint statement issued by the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Commerce, all tailors were reminded that all tailors in Saudi Arabia are required to have a prior license from the garment department before they are permitted to make military uniforms and there are certain provisions under which such licenses are granted.

According to the instructions which appeared in *Al-Jazirah*, Interior Minister Prince Naif and Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim said no tailor can make such clothing unless he undertakes in writing that he will specialize in them.

Such businesses must not accept to sew or tailor any uniform without seeing, first, the customer's military card and written permission from his superiors. The written permission must show the number and type of uniforms requested. The tailor must write down all information in a special register in which he will also mark the applicant's identity.

Owners of ready-made military garments and decoration shops must also undertake in writing that they will comply with the instructions relating to the ledgers in which they inscribe the quantity of clothes and other items which they obtained and their respective origin.

They must also abstain from selling such items, of whatever type they may be, except to persons who produce their military cards. The customers must also hand them over a permission agreement showing the type of garments and military equipment to be purchased.

Supervisors and inspectors will follow closely the activity of such merchants to check the origin of each item, in collaboration with the public security authorities and to report on any violation.

The instructions were repeated after officials at the two ministries had noticed that the merchants do not abide by the official legislation governing their trade.

Equipment halts gold adulteration

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — Nobody will be able to adulterate gold from now on in the Western Province, *Al-Bilad* asserted. The Commerce Ministry has secured the most advanced equipment in the world for analyzing gold samples. Hussein Shazli Firhawi, director general of the Quality Control Laboratory here, said that the lab was analyzing 15 to 20 samples monthly.

Shops, supermarkets warned about medicine sales, overpricing

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — The Health Ministry has warned all shops and supermarkets in Saudi Arabia trading in permitted medicines not to overprice them, *Ola* reported.

A Western Province Health Department spokesman said that complaints had been received that some of these shops were overpricing effervescent and ordinary aspirin and selling some of the medicines banned by the ministry.

Traffic campaign starts in Jeddah

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — The Jeddah Traffic Department has launched an intensive drive to arrest drivers of all motorcycles and small pick-up cars that rent seats to passengers, *Al-Riyadh* reported.

There are also daily spot checks on drivers to catch those without license or under age, especially during the spring holidays, according to Capt. Abdullah Raqban, the road traffic commander.

Tree planting week

MADINAH, Feb. 8 — Madinah Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Abdul Aziz inaugurated the sixth plant-a-tree week here at Al-Mazallat Garden in Al-Jarf. One thousand students from the area's education department will plant 5,000 trees here this week during the campaign. Youths from Madinah's clubs and the intermediate faculty will plant another 3,000 saplings at Al-Mazallat Garden and the pilgrim city, *Al-Nadwa* reported.

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:35	12:36	12:07	11:54	12:18	12:48
Asr (Afternoon)	3:50	3:49	3:20	3:05	3:29	3:56
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:16	6:13	5:44	5:29	5:53	6:20
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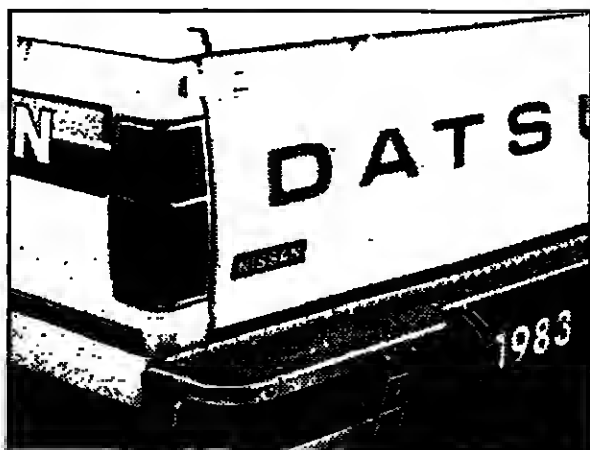
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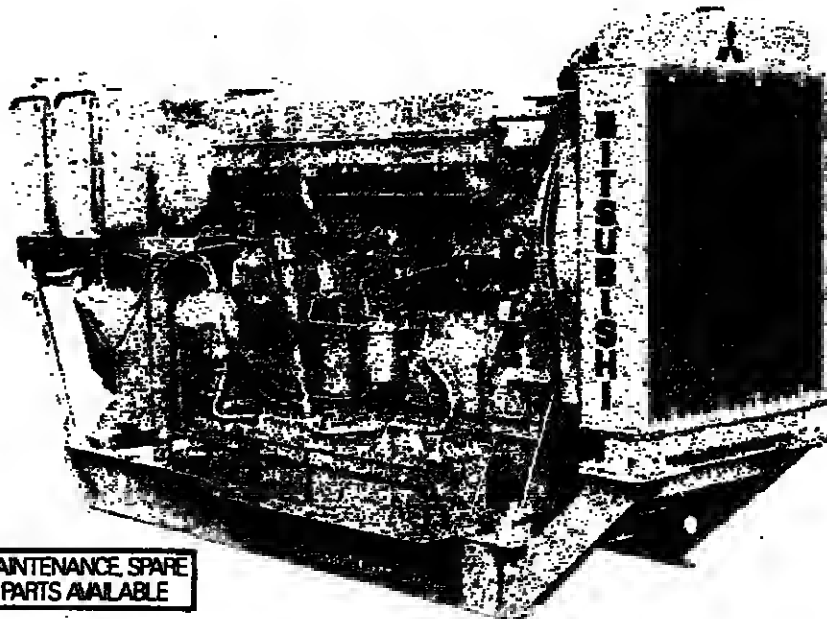
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Bonn urges Palestinian cause

Bonn urges Tel Aviv to halt settlements

BONN, Feb. 8 (AP) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher called on the Israelis to halt their West Bank settlement "in order not to further aggravate peace efforts."

Speaking at a dinner held here in honor of Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, he also called on all parties in the Middle East to renounce the use of force in solving conflicts and to consider the Reagan initiative and the "Fiz declaration," which propose setting up a Palestinian state in lands now occupied by Israel.

"The Middle East problem can only be solved when the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination is recognized and developed as well as the right to exist and right of security for Israel and all other states of the region," Genscher said.

"Neither of these two rights can be allowed

to be translated into action at the cost of the other," Genscher said.

Genscher stressed that West German Middle East policy is the same as the policy expressed by the European Economic Community.

Both Genscher and Shamir agreed that there were no bilateral problems between their governments and that they must further strengthen West German-Israeli relations.

"The history of the Germans and the Israeli demands of both people and from their governments special exertion and care," Genscher said.

"We will also be aware in the future of our historical responsibility," Genscher said, recalling the rise to power 50 years ago of Adolf Hitler, whose Nazi regime murdered millions of Jews.

Shamir arrived Sunday for a four-day visit

here. He met Monday Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

A statement released by Kohl's office Monday evening said the chancellor asked that the Israelis consider the Reagan and Fez peace proposals, and called for a withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon.

"The West German government expects from its partners a clear recognition of Israel's right to exist. It agrees on the other side with President Reagan that without a solution to the Palestinian problem there can be no peace in the Middle East," the statement said.

He called on both sides in the Middle East conflict to show greater willingness to compromise. He said Israeli settlements in occupied territory were making it harder to achieve peace.

Kohl said West Germany felt President Reagan's proposals last September were a realistic starting point for a compromise.

Kohl said Israel's security was an essential part of West Germany's Middle East policy but he made clear Bonn did not approve of Israeli policies in the occupied territories.

"Unilateral acts, especially Israel's settlements in the occupied territories, make a peaceful solution more difficult," the statement said.

The chancellor called for progress in the Israeli-Lebanese negotiations on foreign troop withdrawals from Lebanon, saying the removal of foreign forces would serve Israel's security interests as well as returning sovereignty to Lebanon.

Shamir Monday defended Israel's policy of setting up Jewish settlements in the predominantly Arab-populated West Bank, saying the policy "does not disturb the peaceful coexistence between us and our Arab neighbors."

Further, the Israeli foreign minister said his government sees no real "conflicts of interest" that could block an eventual agreement between Israel and Lebanon, which has been partially occupied by Israeli troops for eight months.

Rescue of Soviet hostages confirmed

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 8 (AP) — Soviet troops rescued a number of Soviet technicians held hostage by resistance forces after storming a hideout in northern Afghanistan, Western diplomatic sources here said Tuesday.

The diplomats, confirming earlier reports, had only sketchy details of the operation, believed mounted on or around Feb. 1, south of Mazar-e-Sharif in the Charkent mountains.

The sources, quoting latest diplomatic dispatches from Kabul, the Afghan capital, said 12 hostages were rescued although four were wounded.

Another four were killed by their captors, and their bodies mutilated, perhaps before they died, said the sources, who asked not to be identified.

The diplomatic sources said all the freedom fighters at the mountain retreat were



Genscher

Dutch aide to meet Qaboos

MUSCAT, Feb. 8 (R) — Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van der Broek, who arrived Monday night at the start of a five-state Middle East tour, held talks Tuesday with his Omani counterpart Youssef Al-Alawi on regional and bilateral issues.

Official sources said Van der Broek and his delegation were expected to fly to Salalah, capital of Oman's southern Dhofar region, later Tuesday for an audience with Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

Political sources in Amsterdam said earlier the Dutch government hoped the 10-day trip would reassure Arab governments that the Netherlands was impartial in its Middle East peace efforts.

Van der Broek would tell his hosts that while supporting President Reagan's Middle East peace initiative, the Dutch government would like to see more emphasis on Palestinian self-determination, the sources said.

The Dutch have welcomed the Reagan initiative which calls for Palestinian self-rule, in association with Jordan, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Lebanese troops ready to police truce--Gemayel

BEIRUT, Feb. 8 (AP) — The government of President Amin Gemayel Tuesday said the Lebanese Army was "ready to move at once" to replace Israeli troops in policing a ceasefire between Christian and Druze militiamen in central Lebanon's mountains.

The government statement was made public as U.S., Israeli and Lebanese negotiators resumed subcommittee talks in the seaside resort of Khaldé south of Beirut on the withdrawal of 60,000 foreign troops from this Mediterranean nation.

Meanwhile, the multinational peacekeeping force in mostly Muslim West Beirut was beefed up with the arrival of 80 British soldiers, upping Britain's contingent to 102 men, with 140 French Marines en route to Lebanon.

France decided to increase its force to 1,900 men following attacks in the past two weeks that wounded three. French peacekeepers and the arrival of the French and British will boost the total force to about 4,700 men with 600 U.S. Marines on ships off the coast if needed.

The enhancement of the force comes at a time when Gemayel's government is facing an upsurge of violence that has included sectarian battles and a spate of car bombings.

The Lebanese government said it asked the U.S. delegation at the Khaldé talks to take up with Israel the question of turning over security duties in the central mountains to the 22,000-man Lebanese Army.

The move followed Monday's announcement that Christian and Druze militias had signed a peace pact that made Israeli occupation forces exclusively responsible for overseeing the ceasefire.

Warring Christian and Druze militias signed an Israeli-sponsored peace pact Monday but new artillery and rocket barrages were reported in the central mountains overlooking Beirut at night.

Israeli MP raps withdrawal terms

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7 (R) — Israeli opposition Labor Party member Abba Eban accused the Israeli government of presenting conditions for a withdrawal of troops from Lebanon that undermined Lebanese sovereignty.

Speaking in the Knesset (parliament), Eban, a former foreign minister, said Israel's demands for security arrangements in southern Lebanon showed the government was not sincere in its intention to withdraw.

"In fact, the government intention is for the Palestinians and Syrians to withdraw and Israeli soldiers to remain. This directly undermines Lebanon's sovereignty," he said. "If Israel keeps to its demands who knows when he will withdraw," he added.

Habib, Colombo discuss pullout

ROME, Feb. 8 (AP) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib met with Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo to talk about negotiations for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon, the Foreign Ministry said.

Habib, on his way to Israel Monday, also met with U.S. Vice President George Bush, in Italy on a seven-country European tour to rally support for U.S. arms control policies.

Colombo said the recent events in Lebanon "do not seem to justify excessive optimism, given the deterioration of the internal situation in the country," adding that Habib "substantially shared" this opinion.

Habib gave Colombo information on the way the American government plans to proceed to "give a more vigorous push to the negotiations for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon," the Foreign Ministry said in a press release.

The press release said Italy is pleased with the U.S. decision to ask Habib to work again for Middle East peace and is confident that Habib's new efforts will be able to "accelerate the rhythm" of a negotiated settlement in Lebanon.

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Residents told to stock food

Coup threatened in Surinam

THE HAGUE, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — A coup to oust Surinamese military ruler Lt. Col. Desai Bouterse is imminent, according to pamphlets circulating in Surinam's capital, Paramaribo, the Dutch news agency ANP reported Monday night.

ANP quoted its sources as alleging that the pamphlets were distributed by a group of U.S. mercenaries who warned three weeks ago that they were preparing military action against the military rulers. The pamphlets, which appeared Monday, called on residents to stock up on enough food for several weeks and stay at home starting Tuesday. Banks and businesses are told to remain shut as a coup attempt was imminent.

The tracts were signed "Movement for the Liberation of Surinam, Rear Guard," and caused alarm in the capital, the agency said. Two months ago, 15 Surinamese civic leaders

Preventive steps can increase life span -- expert

LONDON, Feb. 8 (AP) — The average life span could rise to 85 or 90 years as medical knowledge advances and people take preventive measures against disease, according to a leading British medical statistician.

However, Sir Richard Doll of Oxford University, says humans appear to have a biological clock that ensures few will ever live past the age of 100. "The proportions of men and women who can expect to become centenarians, even among the men and women who have survived to 65, are still only one in 1,000 and five in 1,000 respectively," he concludes.

Doll's theories, published in the Feb. 5 issue of *The British Medical Journal*, were first delivered in an address to the Royal College of Physicians in London. The warden of Oxford's Green College based his study on comparative statistics. He said the greatest number of deaths in England and Wales occur between the ages of 75 and 79 for men and 80 or just over for women, compared with 100 years ago when the greatest number died in early childhood. Average life span overall is now about 70 years for British men and 76 years for women.

Doll said improved personal habits would provide the best hope of longer life and disease prevention. Avoiding smoking would reduce deaths from all cancers by about one-third, death by heart attack by a quarter and eliminate some heart and lung diseases altogether, he said.

A healthy diet and regular exercise such as vigorous walking would also improve life expectancy, he said. Doll said the diet could contribute to cancer prevention in co-occurring diseases such as prostate and pancreatic cancer.

U.N. panel studies rights violations in East Timor

GENEVA, Feb. 8 (AFP) — The U.N. Human Rights Commission Monday took up for the first time charges of human rights violations in East Timor, the former Portuguese colony invaded by Indonesia in 1975.

A delegate from the Roman Catholic church peace body Pax Christi, which has consultative status with the commission, denounced "the treatment inflicted on the Timorese." The delegate, Adrien Claude Boeller, said the invasion and subsequent moving of the Timorese to areas of high population had disrupted agricultural production.

This plus natural catastrophes had caused famine in Quai in 1979, which was likely to recur now, according to reports from Dili, the capital, Boeller said. A resumption of hostilities in East Timor and "many new massacres" had increased the possibility of famine, he added.

Portuguese Ambassador Fernando Reino charged that prohibiting the people of East Timor from having self-determination — an allusion to the Indonesian takeover — constituted a violation of basic human rights. Stressing that Portugal had not territorial claims on East Timor, which was a Portuguese colony for 450 years until annexed by Indonesia in 1976, Reino called for re-colonization to be carried out there in conformity with international law.

China condemns maneuvers by Korea, America

HONG KONG, Feb. 8 (AFP) — A Chinese Foreign Affairs Ministry statement Monday condemned the United States and South Korea for conducting joint military exercises of an unprecedented scale in South Korea, involving over 180,000 men from the army, navy and air force. The New China News Agency, monitored here, quoted the ministry statement as saying that the joint military exercises, which started Feb. 2, had aroused the grave concern of many countries in Asia and the world.

The U.S. troops stationed in South Korea constitute a threat to peace and stability in Korea, the statement said, "and their ongoing military exercises in a show of force can only aggravate tension in the Korean peninsula to the detriment of peace and security in Asia."

The statement called on the United States and South Korea to stop these massive joint military exercises and prevent any possible provocation. "China has consistently held that the United States should withdraw its troops from South Korea and stop interfering in the internal affairs of Korea so as to facilitate a dialogue between the north and the south and their independence and peaceful unification," the statement added.

who backed a return to democracy were executed by the junta.

ANP said the attempted coup was due to be staged this month and an envoy from the mercenaries' U.S. backer is in the Netherlands now, gathering logistic advice from former Surinamese soldiers. The tracts also warned Lt. Col. Bouterse, in case of violence, not to try and defend himself with Surinamese soldiers because they would have no chance against "foreign armed forces with trained officers."

In another report, ANP said two Surinamese soldiers were wounded Thursday by unknown gunmen in the first known act of violence against Lt. Col. Bouterse's junta since he seized total power. Unknown gunmen shot at the soldiers from a car while driving past the victims' barracks. The soldiers returned fire but their assailants escaped, ANP said, quoting sources in Surinam.

Meanwhile, Surinam's military regime has invited international groups to send representatives to investigate the political situation, the government news agency reported Monday.

An International Red Cross representative, meanwhile, arrived in Paramaribo over

the weekend to probe the hanging of Maj. Roy Horb. He viewed Horb's body before burial Saturday and also discussed the death with the coroner and other medical officials, the report said. The Red Cross representative was invited by Bouterse "to gather extensive information about the death of Roy Horb and to size up the situation in various sectors," the agency said. The Red Cross representative was identified only as "Mr. Heuman."

Horb was the accused ringleader of 21 persons arrested Jan. 30 in an alleged plot to assassinate Bouterse and other military leaders. The government announced four days later that Horb, an army commander who helped lead Bouterse's coup d'etat three years ago, hung himself in his prison cell.

The announcement was greeted with skepticism by most outside observers. After 15 opposition leaders were arrested last Dec. 8, they were subsequently executed. Bouterse claimed they were shot during an escape attempt, but foreign officials and Surinamese civilians said the victims were tortured and executed. The Dutch government cut off aid to its former colony on South America's north coast. The U.S. government also suspended aid to Surinam which became independent in 1975.

Sweden urges moratorium on N-satellites

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 8 (AP) — Sweden called here Monday for a voluntary moratorium on the launching of nuclear-powered satellites into outer space while rules for their use are formulated.

Swedish delegate Sune Danielsson made the appeal in the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the U.N. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. He did so within hours after the fuel core of an atomic-powered Soviet spy satellite plunged to oblivion over the South Atlantic. The main part of the satellite had come down over the Indian Ocean Jan. 24.

"Internationally accepted safety regulations should be adopted urgently for the use of nuclear power sources in outer space," Danielsson said at the opening meeting of the subcommittee's latest annual session. "These regulations," he said, "should provide for information both before launching and before re-entry so that countries can take necessary actions to protect their populations and the environment."

"The possibilities for assistance in case of an accident should be developed so that also countries which themselves do not have the possibility to protect their population and environment from damage can get assistance. "Until such international and legally binding

safety regulations have been adopted, we urge all countries which intend to launch satellites with nuclear reactors to observe a moratorium in putting such satellites in orbit around the earth."

"The re-entry of the NPS (nuclear-power-source) satellite Cosmos 1402 of the Soviet Union caused certain anxiety in my country," the Swedish delegate told the subcommittee. "We have been strengthened in our conviction that the work on NPS is important and that a result must be achieved without delay."

Czech rebel playwright hospitalized

PRAGUE, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Dissident playwright Václav Havel was Monday temporarily released from prison and taken to hospital, reportedly suffering from pneumonia, sources close to him stated.

Havel, 46, a member of the Charter-77 human rights movement, has since May 1979 been serving a four and a half year term for "subversive activities." In the past, Czechoslovak dissidents released from prison in this way have not subsequently been returned to detention.

The release followed an earlier appeal to Czechoslovak leader Gustav Husak by Charter 77. According to Havel's family, the writ-

ter has suffered a relapse of pneumonia complicated by acute oophoritis, necessitating his transfer from a prison in Pilsen, western Czechoslovakia, to Prague-Pankrac Prison Hospital.

It was the second time in some five years that a country had put before the subcommittee the problem of stray Soviet satellites with nuclear material aboard. On Feb. 13, 1978, Ambassador William H. Bartoo of Canada complained to the same body that on Jan. 24 radioactive pieces of the Soviet satellite Cosmos 955 had fallen on Canadian soil between Great Slave Lake and Baker Lake in the northwest territories.

Friends said that Ivan Havel, the writer's brother, had received a telephone call from him saying he was in central Prague's Pod Petrínem Hospital. Ivao Havel went there immediately. But a hospital spokesman told Agence France-Presse there was no one there named Václav Havel.

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As rebels step up activity

El Salvador puts army, security units on alert

SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 8 (AP) — The Salvadoran Army has put all military and security units on alert, as leftist rebels intensified their operations, threatening government-held areas in the northern, central, eastern and southeastern parts of the country.

Army officials, in announcing the move Monday, said the guerrillas were also setting fire to sugarcane and coffee bean plantations, sabotaging factories and committing what they called "thefts and hold-ups." Government sources reported a rebel attack on a truck in San Salvador itself, leaving one civilian dead and 10 injured, and an assault on a central Salvadoran military base.

The rebels, meanwhile, claimed to have

Castro plans European visit

MADRID, Feb. 8 (R) — Cuban leader Fidel Castro will visit Spain, France and Sweden later this year in his first-ever trip to Western Europe, official Spanish sources said Tuesday.

The sources told newsmen the Cuban leader's West European tour was already in an advanced stage of planning. The sources said the trip was expected to take place in the autumn and added that the itinerary could possibly be extended to include Austria.

They said the visit could be seen as part of a concerted policy by West European Socialist leaders to balance the U.S. isolation of Cuba. They said it could also be seen in the context of Spain's endeavors to resolve the conflicts in Central America by involving Cuba in possible negotiations. "If we want to talk to Castro, it's no good just letting him go to Moscow — we must bring him here as well," one of the sources said.

Reagan stresses need to curb drug smuggling

VIENNA, Feb. 8 (R) — President Reagan has called for greater efforts to curb drug smuggling and said drug-producing countries should be more aware of the problems they export and the problems created in their own societies by narcotics.

In a message sent to the 30th session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs meeting in Vienna, Monday, he said: "The trails from grower to user stretch across the continents. Pressure must be applied at all points along the chain — through crop control, through increased seizures of both drugs produced and financial assets, through intensified investigation and prosecution of traffickers."

captured at least one town and to have cut off electricity in all of eastern El Salvador. The government also announced Monday that the undersecretary of defense, Col. Adolfo Castillo, who was abducted by the rebels in June, had been replaced by Col. Rafael Flores Lima, the army chief of staff. Col. Flores will be replaced by Col. Mario Adalberto Reyes, the announcement said.

Among the most serious rebel attacks was on San Jose Guayabal, in the southeastern department of Usulután. The rebels said they had taken the town, just a week after they had occupied the nearby city of Berán.

They said 10 Salvadoran soldiers were killed and 20 wounded in the fighting. But the government did not acknowledge that the town had been taken. According to its casualty figures, three persons — a soldier, a member of the civil defense corps and a rebel — were killed in the fighting there.

Unofficial sources also said La Palma, in the northern department of Chalatenango, also had been occupied by the rebels. This was not immediately confirmed, but La Palma has been taken over by insurgents in the recent past.

Military sources said rebels also attacked the nearby town of Jiquilisco, and that residents in neighboring Canasque left their homes in fear of the rebels' approach. Most of them camped along the Lempa River. In Apopa, also in the north, security forces clashed with rebels who were preparing to hijack a truck carrying supplies, the military said. It said an undetermined number of persons were wounded.

In the attack on the military truck in San Salvador, the government quoted witnesses as saying that two rebels threw explosive devices at the vehicle, which blew up, causing panic among passersby. One person was killed and 10 injured in the attack, the government said. It said the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front, the leading rebel umbrella group, left leaflets at the site of the attack.

The attack on the El Carmen military base took place in the central department of San Vicente. Six government troops were wounded, the army said. Insurgents attacked the city of San Vicente itself, but were repelled, the sources added.

A rebel spokesman said the entire eastern section of El Salvador was left without electricity Monday when insurgents destroyed pylons supporting high-tension wires. In the western portion of the country, rebels seized food and money in San Diego, in the La Libertad department. Also Monday, the Salvadoran Human Rights Commission, created by the governing coalition, accused rebels of "acts of vandalism" and "terrorism" in Berán, which the army took back last week.



GUERRILLAS ON PATROL: More than 200 leftist guerrillas march in formation Sunday in the main square of La Palma, a town 80 kilometers north of the capital of San Salvador, during their march through the northern region.

Blames U.S.

Soviets demand cut in Indian Ocean buildup

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 8 (AP) — The Soviet Union warned Monday that unless efforts were taken to lessen the military buildup in the Indian Ocean, it would take appropriate steps to counter such increases.

Addressing the U.N. ad hoc committee on the Indian Ocean, Soviet delegate Lev Mendelevich accused the United States of trying to hinder the convening of an international conference in 1984 on ways to make the Indian Ocean a zone of peace. U.S. representative David Adamson countered that the holding of a conference "would be a mistake at this stage and would make a mockery of the international community" because, he charged, it would help the Soviet Union to destabilize the Indian Ocean region further.

He added that the Soviet Union was anxious to hold a conference to use it to obtain broad acceptance of the status quo in Afghanistan now occupied by Soviet troops. The ad hoc committee, which will hold three sessions in 1983, has been meeting for a week without being able to agree on an agenda, particularly on procedural and substantive issues for convening the conference.

While a majority endorsed a draft agenda prepared by the committee's chairman,

Ignatius Fonseka of Sri Lanka, proposing to work on the substantive and organizational issues of the conference, the United States introduced an amendment insisting on separating the two sets of issues. It wants the committee to deal first with the principles aimed at transforming the Indian Ocean into a zone of peace. Decisions are taken by consensus.

During Monday's exchanges, Mendelevich said that his country understood the concern of the Indian Ocean littoral states at what he called the expansion of the U.S. military presence in the region. He said it also posed a threat to the Soviet Union's security.

Adamson said that all U.S. military activities in the region were fully consistent with the principles of the U.N. Charter.

U.S. physicists warn of nuclear war risk

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP) — The largest organization of physicists in the United States has warned world leaders that a nuclear war could destroy civilization and outlined a set of proposals to avoid the use of such weapons.

The message, from the 33,000-member American Physical Society, was sent last week to the leaders of the United States, the Soviet Union, China, France and Great Britain and to every member of the U.S. Congress. It represents the first stand on the arms race by the organization. Some of the pioneers in the development of the atomic bomb helped draft the message. "This is not a political group," physicist Lawrence Bickford, deputy executive secretary of the group,

said Monday. "I don't think this statement could have gotten out five years ago."

Dr. Robert Marshak, president of the society, sent a letter to the heads of state along with a resolution adopted by a nearly unanimous vote of the group's policy-making 42-member council.

"The after effects of general nuclear war are certain to be catastrophic for the survivors and could destroy civilization," the resolution says, and advocates eight measures to prevent such a war:

— Soviet-American negotiations "without preconditions" on a verifiable agreement to limit strategic nuclear arms and reduce the number of such weapons and delivery systems in existence.

Helmut Kohl says German issue 'open'

BONN, Feb. 8 (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in an interview published Tuesday, said Germany still considers the "German question" open but recognizes it must work "harmoniously" with its neighbors if it wants to recover any of the territory it lost after World War II.

He also said he won't fire Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann for saying Jan. 29 in Munich that West Germany still feels obligated to work for the "unity and freedom of Germany" within its pre-war borders. Zimmermann was speaking to an organization of Germans expelled after World War II from eastern territories given to Poland and the Soviet Union. His remarks outraged East bloc governments, and on Monday the Polish government filed a formal protest. Kohl's interview appeared in *The Northwest Zeitung*, published in Oldenburg.

Although backing Zimmermann's remarks, he stressed that the West Germans would respect the so-called "Ostpolitik" treaties signed with the East bloc countries in the early 1970s.

"Our Eastern neighbors know our position that the German question remains open and I believe that the Poles also understand that," Kohl said. "We know on our side that the existing borders can only be changed harmoniously." The chancellor, a Christian Democrat, said he intends neither to ask Zimmermann to resign, nor does he plan to try to revise the East bloc treaties. "We have always said we will remain true to the treaties," he said.

But Kohl also pointed out that the West German parliament passed a resolution in 1972 stipulating that the Ostpolitik treaties were no substitute for a peace treaty signed by Germany as a whole. Germany never signed such a treaty after the end of the World War II.

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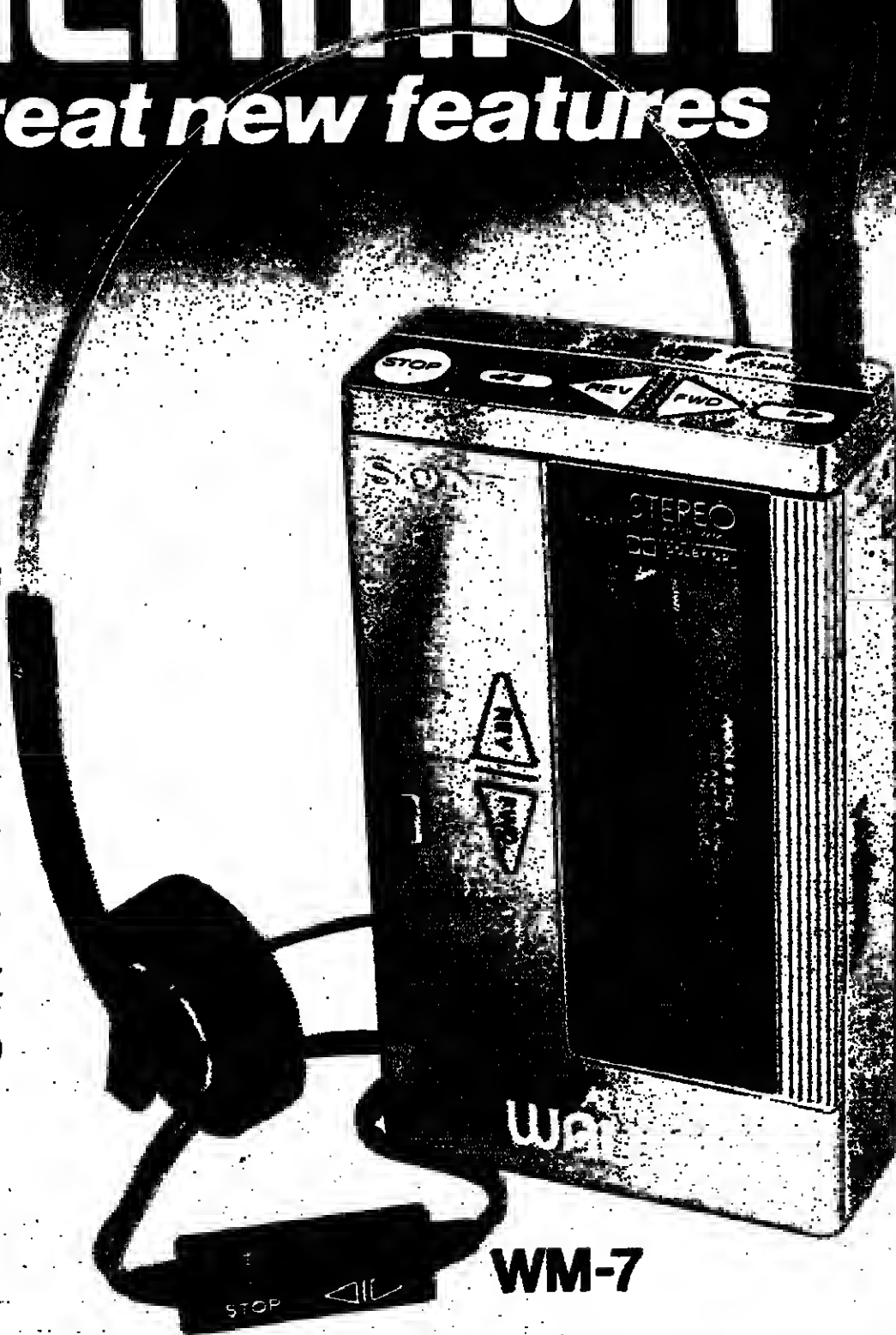
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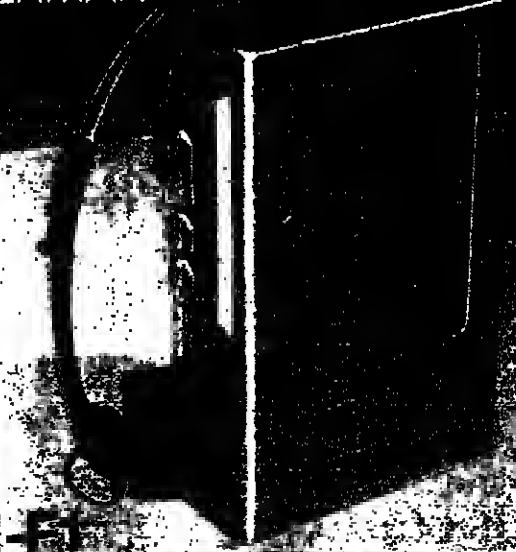
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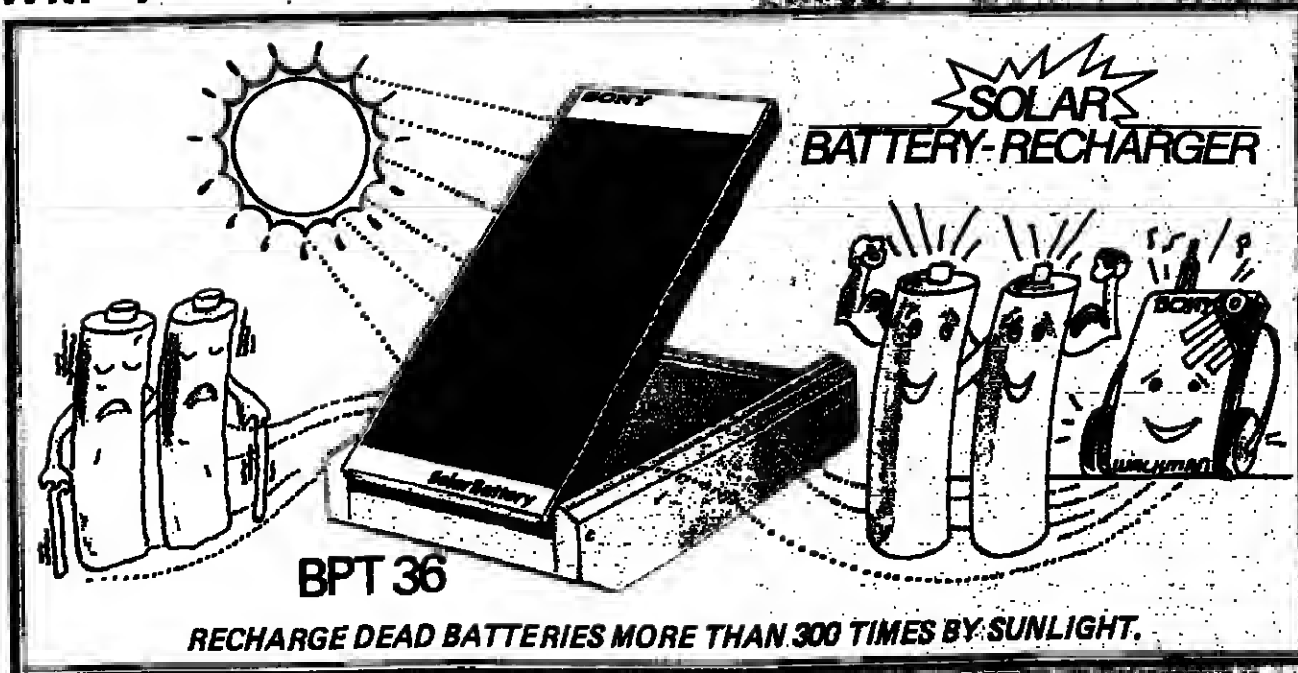


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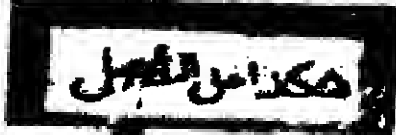
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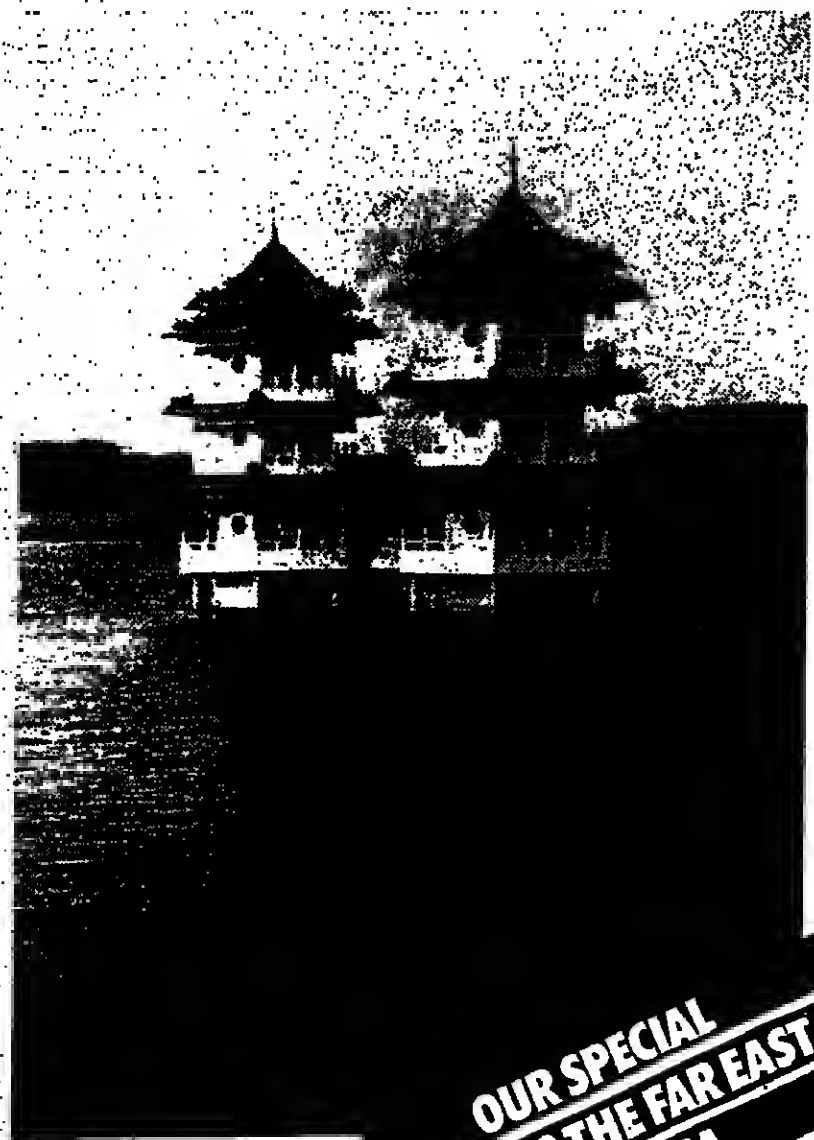
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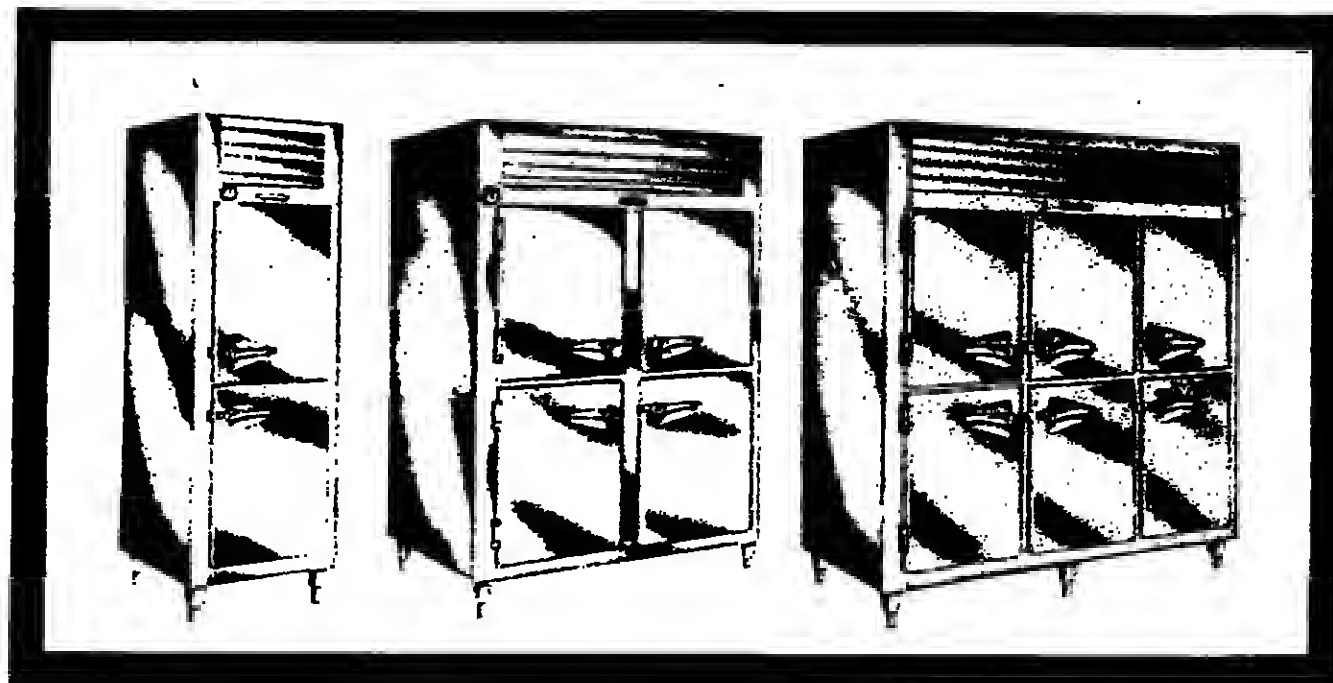


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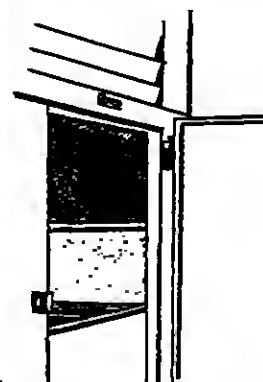
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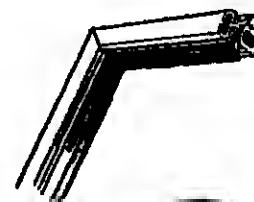
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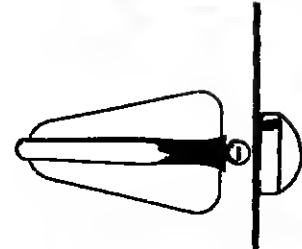
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Knicks outpace Pacers

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (AP) — A balanced scoring attack led by Bill Cartwright and Louis Orr enabled the New York Knicks to beat the Indiana Pacers 105-99 Monday night for their fifth straight National Basketball Association victory. It was the only NBA game Monday night.

Cartwright scored 22 points and Orr 20 in lead six Knicks players in double figures as New York beat the Pacers for the first time in four meetings this season. "Having that many in double figures is outstanding," New York coach Hubie Brown said. "It shows you're getting help from everybody. We hope to get that balance."

The Knicks used a six-minute sprint to turn a 69-68 Indiana edge into an 86-73 lead with 9:48 left in the game. Indiana, which got 24 points from Herb Williams and 20 points and 20 rebounds from rookie Clark Kellogg, never got closer than five points after that.

Paul Westphal had 15 points, Sly Williams 14, Trent Tucker 12 and Truck Robinson 11 for the Knicks, who have won eight of their last nine games after a 14-26 start. Neither team led by more than six points in the first half, which ended with New York ahead 48-47.

The Knicks fell behind 33-27 when Indiana's Burt Carter hit seven straight points early in the second period. But Cartwright scored eight points and Orr seven in the next 7:40 as New York outscored the Pacers 21-10 for a 48-43 advantage.

Smith recovering from rugby injury

CARDIFF, Feb. 8 (APF) — England Rugby Union captain Steve Smith expects to shake off the injury he received in the Wales-England international last weekend. His sprung rib cartilage was apparently put back into place on the pitch allowing him to play on.

He said: "It is a bit sore. But there are no long-term problems and I hope to play next weekend." Meanwhile Welshman Jeff Squire has no doubts that the controversial try he scored ten minutes from the end of Wales' 13-13 draw with England was legal.

Although the Pantypool flanker was hidden under a pile of bodies, he refutes the suggestion that he crawled over the line. "The referee was able to see and my try was good," he said.

Elsewhere, surprise was expressed in Cardiff that there was not a minute's silence for Carwyn James at the match. A number of people felt that the recent death of the former famous British Lions' and Llanelli coach should have been marked before the start of the game.



OFF THEY GO: Five thousand enthusiastic skiers set off for the Marzia Longa race in Predazzo, Italy, in fine style. The 60-kilometer race was won by Austrian Walter Mayer recently.

In Jeddah Softball League

Mobil (W) causes a ripple with 'truly fine' show

By Naiche Nedni-Apache
JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — The Mobil (W) team of the Jeddah Softball League played the game of the season as they used their infield to near perfection in upsetting the league leading Safeway Truly Fine group, 2-1.

The Mobil (W) infield combined with a stellar pitching performance by C. Gryzka to hold the Truly Fine team to one run versus their average of nearly 15 runs per game. The Truly Fine score came on a home run by their excellent second baseman, J. Tucker, one of the best around.

The Mobil (W) cause was brought to glory on the gloves of first base attendant — J. Swift, second base standout, Dinn Nawak, short stop superstar, H. Teator, third base defender, S. Mapes and home plate guard of repute, N. Rogers. Hats off to a super effort.

Other Wadi Division results saw the same Safeway Truly Fine team put on their walking boots and walk all over Whitaker (W) 22-8. The Blue Angels were not so blue as they celebrated a fine victory over the Corp of Engineers (W), 12-5. The Crop team, not one to "stay down" too long or too often, came back to order "pizza-to-go" as they needed a lunch break to finally overcome Hyatt Touch of Class, 7-6.

In this game, everything and everybody was "very tight" as they were tied 5-5 at the end of regulation play despite the efforts of J. Loos. The top of the 8th saw shortstop C. Sovar punch a home run to put Touch of Class ahead 6-5. However, the Crop team roared back with two runs in the bottom of the 8th to win it 7-6. After the game Jack Lee

Martin said all the action gave him quite a head rush.

The "Luck of the Irish" award this week goes to the BD All Stars as the team that looked least likely to succeed, but did. There has not been a team in the history of this league to win games the way the BD team won games this week.

Although they led most of the way they had the batters scared out of them by Raytheon ADI as they "spoked" to a 7-5 win. Shortstop Steve Gilmore gets the lions share of the credit for this victory as he was all over the field sucking up anything that got near him.

In the BD versus Lockheed II game, BD was losing this one in an inspired Lockheed team 7-5 going into the bottom of the last inning when Dave Luns hit a 3-run home run to put them ahead in stay. They eventually downed the Lockheed II antagonists 11-7 despite heads up ball playing by Art Richards Jr. and company.

In this game left field star Jim Jordan was moved to take over pitching duties when it appeared that Larry Mertoy might like to try his foot at pitching again. Regular pitcher Mike Padgett is still out with a back injury he suffered when he awoke from a nightmare he was having about eating a giant marshmallow to discover his pillow was missing. In the final effort of the week BD outlasted a sinking Corp of Engineers team 11-8.

Fred "The Thing That Ate Cleveland" Casey was again in charge of traffic at first base for the All Stars. (Inside info: what BD

Jackson homing toward baseball record

By Susan Saporito
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Feb. 8 — Only 12 men in baseball's history — Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Babe Ruth, Frank Robinson, Mickey Mantle, Harmon Killebrew, Jimmy Fox, Ted Williams, Eddie Mathews, Willie McCovey, Mel Ott and Ernie Banks — have done it. And this season, California Angel's slugger Reggie Jackson has the chance to be added to the list.

In his second season with the Angels and his 17th in the Major League, Reggie Jackson can become the 13th player to hit 500 or more career home runs. He hit 39 last year to up his total to 464, 16th on the all-time list. Thirty-six more would take him to 500. Ott's 511 is his first target.

Jackson recently told a Los Angeles newspaper, "I wish I'd hit 45 last year so I wouldn't have in hit so many now." Jackson's first home run last season did not occur until the club's 19th game. The 39 homers tied Gorman Thomas for the American League lead. He also drove in 101 runs to help drive

the Angels to the Western Division title, his 10th division crown in the last 12 years.

The addition of Jackson to the Angeles' roster helped the California club set an American League attendance record at 2,807,360. Jackson, who's 1982 salary was \$975,000, earned an additional \$203,680 because of a bonus provision giving him 50 cents on every admission over 2.4 million.

According to St. Louis Cardinals Manager Whitey Herzog, cable television will be the ruin of Major League Baseball.

"Cable TV, in the long run, is going to hurt attendance," Herzog said. "How are you going to subsidize teams like Minnesota and Kansas City that don't get big TV rights?"

"No matter what they say, if you've got enough cable TV stations, you can sit on your patio, turn on four or five games at night, eat your sandwiches...and you don't have to pay for parking."

To increase revenues, Herzog suggested expanding the championship series in both leagues from five to seven games and moving the World Series to New Orleans under a 10-year contract.

In recent hockey action, Chicago Black Hawks player Denis Savard hinted that a January slump provided an assertiveness seminar for the team. Following the Hawks' defeat of the New York Rangers on Sunday in Chicago, Savard said the difference "is that we have asserted ourselves in the last 10 days and have decided that we can't take anybody for granted."

The result is five consecutive National Hockey League victories for Chicago. Rangers goalie Ed Mio agreed in part but said the real difference Sunday was Savard, whose 25th goal of the season, on a power play, broke a 1-1 second-period tie.

When Edmonton Oilers star Wayne Gretzky was growing up, Gordie Howe was his hero. And now, Howe has a few words of praise for Gretzky. "If it was some jerk kid who was doing all these things he (Gretzky) does, you wouldn't like it so much," Howe said. "But this kid is class."

"I'll tell you what he's all about. I call him to come in a fund-raiser for charity during the summer. I know he probably hasn't got 10 minutes to himself with all the things he's got to do and places he has to go, but he says, 'Gordie, if I have to walk, I'll be there.' And there's no money in it for him when he gets there."

What I'm saying is, the way Wayne Gretzky handles himself, he just upgrades everything. Everything he does, on and off the ice, helps the game. And he came around just when the game needed it, too."

In the Houston Astrodome Sunday, Steve Eklund roared past Mickey Fay to take the lead on the 18th lap and then went on to open up a big lead to easily win the \$30,000 Wild West National Steeplechase Motorcycle Championships.

Eklund's victory was his third in the Houston event and gives him the lead in the season point standings for the 1983 pro series.

21-10 and lasted longest to chalk up a victory over PCS 9-6.

But, PCS then took a refresher course at the Billy Martin School of Tranquil Meditation to return and overcome Whitaker 7-4. Whitaker then took the Billy Martin course but lost to Mobil, 18-5. (They only took the Umpire Transactional Relationships portion of the course). Or so says Bob Gray, Lockheed II, after losing to the "gifted" BD All Stars, relegated Parsons Daniels to a lower standing by beating them, 11-4. See what I mean? More next week.

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UCI imposes ban on Irish cyclist

BESSEUS, France, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Star Irish cyclist Sean Kelly has been banned from competing in the opening event of the year here because the Irish federation has not paid its affiliation fee to the International Cycling Union (UCI) for two years.

Organizers said the UCI had told them they were owed 5,000 Swiss francs by the Irish federation and until the sum was paid they could not allow Kelly to compete. A similar situation, concerning the Portuguese rider Joaquim Agostinho, arose for Kelly's team manager Jean de Gribaldy, three years ago and he paid off the Portuguese federation's arrears himself.

However, organizers said they were unhappy in ban Kelly for something for

which he was not responsible and of which he was unaware until reaching here from his home in Belgium.

Meanwhile, five professional cyclists from the Netherlands-based Raleigh team will ignore the Paris to Roubaix race and compete in the new Tour of America in Washington from April 8 to 10, Raleigh announced in The Hague.

The four team members have already been named for the Transatlantic trip, Peter Winnen, Ad Wijnands, Theo de Rooy and Gerrie Knetemann. Team director Peter Post will have to ask special permission for de Rooy and Knetemann to miss the concurrent Paris-Roubaix, to which they are supposed to give preference as Class "A" professionals.

Soviet judokas corner limelight

MOSCOW, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Soviet judokas are currently dominating the Tbilisi International Judo Tournament, with a monopoly of the six titles to date. The Japanese team, on the other hand, has been a disappointment with only Essuki Matsunka in the 65 kgs division, Takahiro Nishidain in the 71 kgs and M. Takahashi in the 86 kgs winning bronze medals.

The Japanese have sent a strong team under the guidance of former world champion Shozo Fujii to Tbilisi and they will take on a Soviet selection at the end of the week.

Meanwhile, Mark Gishov, the former trainer of the Soviet Union Olympic judo team, believes that if the United States want to win judo medals in the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984 they will have to plough a considerable amount of money into the sport, it was reported in Columbus, Ohio.

Gishov, a trainer in the Soviet Union for 36 years, has been exiled in the U.S. since 1979, and is now a consultant at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

Admitting that Soviet athletes are paid for training sessions, Gishov added: "I was very surprised at how weak the Olympic movement is here, there's not enough money to bring teams together. Nobody pays them, that's why they don't come. It's very strange for me after the USSR."

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Elephants posing a big menace to the Third World farmlands

By Eleanor Randolph

WASHINGTON (LAT) — The august leaders of the World Bank, intent on their mission of promoting global economic development, have a large and unexpectedly stubborn problem on their hands these days — the elephant.

The bank, which uses funds from richer countries to promote development in poorer ones, has found elephant herds nibbling at bank-financed rice plantations in Sri Lanka, endangering maize-growing projects in Kenya, threatening a dam in Thailand and stomping through palm oil plantations in Malaysia.

And unlike other wildlife that can be scared off by civilization or can be airlifted to more convenient locations, the 5,000 to 10,000-pound pachyderms that range more or less freely through the Third World will not easily be moved or even nudged out of their normal grazing areas.

Instead, in their relentless search for water and food, the earth's largest land mammals have devised a variety of ingenious ways to out-fox some of the world's best engineers and agricultural experts.

Electrical fences, used at several World Bank projects, only occasionally slow most herds as they move through their normal parade routes. One native farmer reported that his electronic barrier sputtered and died after a crafty modern-day mammoth uprooted a nearby tree and dropped it on the fence.

At another site, bank workers tried protecting newly developed croplands by digging moats with steep sides — only to find that elephant "engineers" methodically butted their heads and shoveled their big tusks against the sides of the ditches, breaking them down into gentle slopes so they could amble across to their vegetarian dinner.

"You've got to remember that this is the largest terrestrial mammal, and its major strategy is to search for food by going from place to place," said John Seidensticker, an ecologist and mammal expert at the National Zoological Park in Washington. "Nothing ever holds them back for very long."

There are numerous stories of the single-minded nature of elephants — especially the very old cows in Asia, who apparently never forget particularly delicious patches of forest and their chosen routes to get to them.

Even a well-known stream that suddenly becomes a raging river will not necessarily slow the big, gray mother elephants who run their matriarchal society.

Seidensticker reported herds of elephants that walked through rivers so deep that only their trunks were sticking out, drawing in air as they crossed, like huge, fleshy submarines. For the World Bank, which has found elephant invasions costly, the issue is how to stop the large beasts, short of the more drastic measures used by some angry farmers who resort to modern-day elephant guns.

We found recently that there have been big cost overruns because of elephant damage," said Robert Goodland, an environmental officer at the bank. "And our purpose is to find some reasonable ways of dealing with the problem." He cited a \$90 million oil palm plantation in Malaysia that cost 94 percent more than planners expected, in large part because of wildlife, or to be more precise, elephants. Goodland said that the elephants not only ate the palms, they also seemed to show their irritation at the whole project by methodically stepping on each plant in the rows — thus contributing in a loss of 2 million palms.

Alan H. Green, an agricultural projects officer at the bank, said that in Western Africa elephants seemed to be "almost playful" in their efforts to destroy the bank's work — like massive and clumsy vandals using their trunks and heavy feet to dance on freshly planted fields.

Elephants also can get angry — an emotional state that can be extremely dangerous to human beings, who are less than one-fiftieth their size, according to Seidensticker. He said that in one area of the Third World, elephants became increasingly unhappy with farmers staking their claims in elephant byways so that one elephant cow showed her displeasure by ripping the walls off of a farmer's house.

In defense of this gargantuan temper tantrum, wildlife experts point out that the elephants' habitat has been slowly encroached upon by the an increasingly large herd of two-legged creatures, complete with their homes, their noisy machines, their feeble fences and their enticing gardens.

Forest creatures that like to move out of the trees occasionally to nibble on grasses in the fields, elephants are increasingly finding themselves trapped in "pockets" of forest, surrounded by human development. "All of these problems are people-generated. It's not like the elephants are going after things, rather the encroachment is forcing them into different behavior," said Thomas E. Lovejoy, vice president for science for the World Wildlife Fund. A specialist in endangered species, Lovejoy said elephants in most areas are not among the most endangered animals. Estimates of the number of elephants range from 35,000 to 40,000 in Asia and up to 1.2 million in Africa.

It's at the stage that if we can come up with some sort of rational way of doing something now, there is not going to be a serious conservation problem in the future," he said.

Thus, the World Bank has started asking for help in finding ways to let man and elephant coexist in a little more harmony in the Third World. Herding elephants is one method of moving the big animals into areas where they are protected. Such round-ups are better than abusive efforts to helicopter the huge beasts, many of whom would die subsequently — either from the trip or from the trauma of being so instantly transplanted.

But the movement of elephant herds by land is extremely risky — both to the domestic elephants used to guide their wild cousins and to the humans who go along. Moreover, such treks have been known to take six months. And once the move was finished, the elephants have sometimes decided that they did not like their new homes and have made their way back to their old stomping grounds within a few short weeks.

"Moving elephants is extremely dangerous," a specialist told bank economists at a meeting last week. "At some point, an elephant can come out from behind a bush and you're not going to see it, and it's just going to stomp you."

However, for all the inconvenience and injury cause by elephants in some areas, most World Bank experts said they would prefer to avoid "culling" the elephants — the controversial process of killing some of the weaker or more troublesome animals to make the remaining ones healthier and more manageable.

The process has been used in Africa, where there are more elephants and those that remain are considered mere food, or in some cases a pair of handsome tusks for ivory poachers. But culling is virtually impossible in Asia, where the elephant is a part of the cultural heritage. In countries like Sri Lanka, the elephant is something more. It is, as in the United States, the symbol of the ruling party.

The situation is not hopeless, however. Some methods have been devised for allowing elephants and men to coexist a little more peacefully. Agricultural sites can avoid damage, for example, if they are laid out with a wide grassless buffer zone without trees for elephants to shade themselves under and without the foods they prefer in their swings through the forests.

Also, some countries can create national elephant preserves, areas where the food source is so tempting that the elephants' range becomes stable and they do not traipse through farms and water projects in search of greener pastures. Another possibility is that elephants could be domesticated for hauling heavy logs and other supplies, as they have been in Burma. Three, elephant-power has cut down on the use of expensive fuel.

At least it's different than 100 years ago," said John Eisenberg, a professor of ecosystem conservation at the University of Florida who is one of the United States' experts on elephants. "Then, the developers would have just gone in and shot the elephants and nobody would have said a thing. That's the way it was done, and the argument was that there were plenty of elephants and one could just eliminate them and get on with the business of planting for profit."



TANK AGAINST HOUSE: A World War II Sherman tank begins to demolish the former Gene Boyle's Restaurant in New Jersey Monday. But the work had to be completed by bulldozers as the tank could not get traction on the snow-covered ground.

U.K. reopening radiation cases

By Brian Caffrey

LONDON (R) — A young British soldier stationed at Christmas Island in the Pacific felt the heat on his back, then a sudden blast of wind, as the nuclear bomb exploded.

Six months later William Morris died of leukemia and his family claimed the fatal disease was caused by exposure to radiation from the hydrogen bomb at the remote test site 25 years ago.

The claim was rejected but now Morris's file, along with those of 15,000 other Britons involved in the H-bomb tests, is to be reopened in response to fears that many may have contracted radiation-linked illnesses.

The new concern in Britain arose after alleged radiation victims in the United States and Australia filed compensation claims against their governments linking their illnesses to atmospheric nuclear bomb tests in the 1950s.

Press and television reporters tracked down British test veterans and a medical expert who studied their records. Dr. Alice Stewart, says they point to an abnormally high death rate from leukemia.

Veterans of the nuclear test program have reported gland and bone marrow troubles, rashes, sores, and cataracts — all of which, like leukemia, could be linked to radiation. The government denies that anyone in the test program was exposed to danger and one Ministry of Defense official described Dr. Stewart's research as "a hitchhitch."

But the ministry promised a full health survey of those involved, starting with a comparison of mortality rates among test veterans against the rate among a similar sample not involved in the program.

Britain exploded 20 nuclear bombs between 1952 and 1958 as it raced to develop its own nuclear deterrent.

Twelve of the blasts were carried out in isolated areas of Australia with the cooperation of the Canberra government, while the rest were conducted near Christmas Island, a bleak coral atoll in the Pacific some 4,000 miles northeast of Australia.

In her assessment of around 100 cases passed on by journalists, Dr. Stewart worked on the assumption that about 6,000 men under 25 were involved in the test program.

From a normal sample of that size and age group she would expect 10 men to have since died of leukemia, a cancer of the blood, but to date she has evidence of 12 deaths. A cancer specialist who 25 years ago was the first scientist to link leukemia with low-level radiation exposure, Dr. Stewart stresses that she does not regard these figures as sufficient to prove a case.

"But it is surprising that a very cursory survey like this has brought in so many deaths of this kind," she said.

William Morris's friends, whose appeal for a special pension for his family was finally turned down in 1961, are in no doubt that he was killed by radiation. "I still maintain that he was a fit and able man when he went into

service and he died because of contact with radiation on Christmas Island," Bill Francis, head of Morris's local ex-servicemen's club, told Reuters.

The government's answer is firm. Junior Defense Minister Geoffrey Pattie told a member of parliament: "There is no evidence of anyone having suffered from radiation effects as a result of British atmospheric nuclear tests."

The Defense Ministry insists that all necessary precautions were taken to protect soldiers and civilians from dangerous exposure to radiation. They say strict radiation dose limits were enforced, protective clothing was issued to men entering contaminated areas and dangerous materials were always disposed of with great care.

All the evidence indicates the death and disease rates among test veterans are perfectly normal, the official spokesman says. But the stories told by the test veterans suggest that, even if the safety precautions were adequate on paper, they may not have been executed as planned.

A number said their protective clothing was unsuitable for the climate and they simply unbuttoned their overalls when they got too hot. Others told of canisters of contaminated materials which broke open while they were being handled, and of ground staff being drenched with water as they washed down planes which had just flown through an atomic mushroom cloud.

Enjoying holiday on top of the world

By John Stokes

SKARDU, Pakistan (LOS) — Northern Pakistan, one of the wildest and most beautiful places on earth, is being opened up to tourists for the first time.

With China to the north, India to the east and Afghanistan to the west, the area is dominated by three mountain ranges, the mighty Himalayas, the Karakorum and the Hindu Kush. Here lie both K2 and K3 or Nanga Parbat, the second and third highest mountains in the world.

Tourist routes are in operation during the summer months. The roads are tricky, but then tourism in Pakistan is a tricky business

anyway. The northern areas were opened up to traffic by the army in the seventies, when Chinese and Pakistani military engineers built a road along the old Silk Route which crosses the Karakorum at 15,000 ft and links Islamabad with Sinkiang.

All along this metal road are huge granite and marble plaques in memory of soldiers who died in landslides and accidents during its construction. The road winds along the valley of the River Indus right up to the northern resort of Gilgit, while a branch road leads to Skardu, 8,000 ft high and 60 miles from the Chinese border.

Pakistan International Airlines now has two flights a day to Skardu from Islamabad

and the 70-minute flight costs only \$15 because of government subsidies.

The planes are Dutch Fokkers and the Pakistani pilots who fly them have been described by their European counterparts as the best in the world. The aircraft do not go over the Himalayas and Karakorum but between them.

The mountains tower above you as the plane winds through the valleys, often at only 12,000 ft. The panorama of snow-clad peaks, heavily wooded pine slopes, little villages of stone and mud, and the thin winding black line of the silk route is breathtaking.

In Skardu, a retired brigadier has just finished building one of the most extraordinary tourist villages ever.



LOST CUP: This little white cat lost the cup for Europe's most beautiful cat in the contest held in Dutsburg Sunday. Nevertheless it is fascinated by the glittering cup and its own image reflected in its hull.



JUMPING BACKWARD: Who said a whale could not jump backward? This killer whale at the Sea World in San Diego, California is doing exactly that.

Whales endangered by curious onlookers

By Jan Greene

DANA POINT HARBOR, California (LAT) — A century ago, gray whales were chased and hunted down by rugged seafaring men who battled the giant beasts with harpoons and ropes, hiding the species close to extinction.

Today there are few whalers left in California, but the whales are still chased and hunted down by boats — this time carrying school children, tourists and naturalists armed with cameras and binoculars.

Ironically, without throwing a single harpoon, the modern-day hunters may help decimate the animals they hope to save, say some researchers.

There is growing evidence, some marine biologists say, that the boat traffic off the southern California Coast, largely that of the \$2.2 million yearly whale-watching business, may be changing the migration patterns of the gray whales that pass close by the California shore each winter.

In addition, the scientists say, boats that follow the whales too closely or harass them can break up whale families or cause them to speed up, using precious body fat that fuels the giant mammals on their 12,000-mile round trip between the Bering Sea and Pacific lagoons off of central Baja California.

Since the first whale-watch boat went out of San Diego in 1955, the business has mushroomed, with an estimated 250 boats going out of landings on the west coast each season. But more likely than the whales dying off in great numbers, is their taking an outside route in the migration to avoid the "gauntlet" along the southern California coast.

Scientists have identified four separate ways the whales pass by the California: close to the coast, in the Catalina Island Channel, in the San Clemente Island Channel, and outside San Clemente Island. Fishermen have reported more whales taking the route outside San Clemente Island each year.

If the gray whales move their migration farther from shore, it could affect both man and beast. Not only might the whales "run out of gas" sooner, but Orange County could eventually lose whale-watching altogether.

The gray whales leave their summer feeding ground in the Bering Sea near Alaska in December to mate and give birth in the lagoons of Baja California, returning in the early spring months. Scientists believe the

animals do not eat on the trip south, but live for half the year on stored energy. That stored energy, whale researcher Mike Bursk believes, can be used up too rapidly when whales must evade boats, and they could simply die of starvation in the waters off Washington during the trip back.

In addition, the boat traffic along southern California's coast resulted in 14 collisions between whales and boats between 1975 and 1980, according to a 1980 report in *Whalewatcher Magazine*, the journal of the American Cetacean Society. In seven of those instances the collision was fatal to the giant sea mammals.

Dennis Kelly, a marine biologist on the faculty of Orange Coast College, said such occurrences may be even frequent than the article suggests. Blue sharks feed on dead whales, he noted. And the evidence of their deaths may be swallowed in Pacific waters without the carcasses ever washing ashore.

Dr. Peter Bryant, a University of California, Irvine, development biologist who has done research on gray whales, disagrees with notion that whale watchers are creating any immediate dangers for the mammals or forcing them to change their migratory habits. "I don't believe anybody's got any clear scientific evidence that whales are taking offshore migration routes or running out of energy," he said. Adding that harassment of whales "is just something people are worried about."

Apparently, the U.S. government is among those worried.

The gray whale remains on the U.S. endangered species list despite the fact that its estimated population of 17,000 to 19,000 is believed to have stabilized and even grown during the last five years. A National Marine Fisheries Service pamphlet explained that the endangered species designation remains because "its habitat is threatened by offshore resource development ... increased vessel traffic ... and harassment from curious whale watchers."

Although no one is quite sure how to define it, harassing a whale is prohibited by both the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act. It carries a \$10,000 civil penalty or were a criminal charge ever successfully prosecuted, a \$20,000 fine or up to a year in jail.

Gary Gailbreath, Marine Fisheries Service chief enforcement officer, said that his officers have investigated 17 cases of harassment since 1979, but none have gone to court. In two instances, warning letters were sent out, but most cases have been dropped because of lack of evidence.

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Breaking ranks with U.S

Japan signs sea law convention at Jamaica

TOKYO, Feb. 8 (AP) — Japan broke ranks with the United States and became the 119th country to sign the law of the sea convention in Jamaica Monday. Foreign Ministry officials said Tuesday.

Japan was one of 24 countries, including the United States and its West European allies, that did not sign the convention in Montego Bay, Jamaica, last December.

"Japan did not sign then not because it objected to the treaty but because it needed time for last-minute consultations among concerned government agencies," a Foreign Ministry official said.

Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone took office late in November, leaving little time for new cabinet ministers to be briefed on the issues before the Jamaica meeting, he said.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said: "We have some minor objections to the treaty, but we believe as a whole it serves the national interests of Japan as an oceanic country."

The treaty gives coastal countries territorial seas out to 12 miles (19 kilometers) from shore, an exclusive economic zone out to 200 miles (320 km) and a continental shelf extending out to a maximum of 350 miles (560 km).

Falling oil price hits Jakarta

JAKARTA, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Indonesia, Asia's top oil exporter, is the country worst hit in the region by the trend toward lower oil rates following the breakdown of the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries (OPEC) conference in Geneva.

Big consumer countries like Japan and Thailand will benefit from lower rates. But the opposite is true of exporters Indonesia, Malaysia and China, executives in the industry believe here. Singapore, an intermediary and refiner, also stands to lose out.

If the rate goes down just \$1 Indonesia, Swiss inflation declines to 4.8%

Swiss inflation declines to 4.8%

BERNE, Feb. 8 (R) — The Swiss consumer price index fell 0.1 percent in January after a 0.3 percent fall in December and reached its lowest level since March last year, the Federal Office for Industry, Trade and Labor said. Annual inflation rate fell to 4.8 percent from 5.5 percent in December, it said.

In March 1982, the annual rate of inflation was 4.7 percent it noted. The index which was reconstituted at a fresh 100 point basis in December and was adjusted for a new formula for the first time, stood at 99.0 percent at the end of January, it said.

Nigeria's oil output falls to 800,000 bpd

LAGOS, Feb. 8 (R) — Nigeria's oil production fell to just over 800,000 barrels per day (BPD) in January compared with 1.2 million bpd in December, and February's average was not likely to be much more than 600,000 bpd, industry sources have said.

But despite the intense pressure such low figures put on its economy, there were no signs that Nigeria was likely to break OPEC rules by cutting prices unilaterally, the sources said.

More than 90 percent of Nigeria's hard currency income is from oil and it has ambitious development plans. But it has consistently proclaimed its fidelity to OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) rules.

A Nigerian official said that although the country was feeling the pressure of the world oil glut more acutely than other OPEC members, Lagos would wait to see what others did before deciding on any action.

Nigerian output has fallen faster than anticipated. The drop to under a million bpd was not expected until March. Officials would not forecast the March figure.

The plunge was accelerated because many long-term contracts expired at the end of December and buyers were waiting to see whether there was a general price fall before signing new contracts, industry sources said.

French industry records 2% growth

PARIS, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Business activity grew in France last year by around 1.5 to 2 percent, adding to the total number of firms and jobs, the French Statistics Institute Insee has reported.

But, in a review of French business last year, Insee noted that most of the growth occurred during the first half of the year, before the imposition of a four-month pay and price freeze in July.

Activity stagnated in the third quarter and inched up a bare 0.1 percent in the last quarter. Leading the field with three percent growth rate in volume was the non-food consumer goods sector, particularly household utilities.

But the building industry did particularly badly, the capital goods sector did not do much better, and there was no improvement in food product sales.

Insee reported that the number of wholesale firms increased by 1,580 over the first nine months of 1982, and the number of firms in the retail sector by 2,043. Their total workforce rose by 19,000 (about one percent).

The number of firms going bankrupt declined by 5.5 percent last year to an average 496 a month, down from 525 in 1981.

Value goes on sliding

Pound made a whipping boy for global setbacks

By Michael Cousins
Arab News Staff

LONDON, Feb. 8 — Sterling's crisis has been caused by an excess of liquidity in its own market while there is a squeeze in the U.S. But problems are not over yet and the rate could even fall to \$1.46 before stabilizing. It is not good news to Mrs. Thatcher and could force her into an early election whether she likes it or not.

For those in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the Arab world who are paid in sterling, the recent fortunes of the pound have been disastrous. It has been dropping like a lead balloon for the past few months against all other currencies. Every time there is an international crisis, it seems that the world's financial dealers take it out on sterling — selling it as quick as possible. The most recent drop was after last month's abortive OPEC meeting in Geneva when the pound dropped through the psychological \$1.58 barrier. Now it is floating around \$1.53½.

Although sterling is seen as a petro-related currency because of North Sea oil, it is clear that the drop in oil prices — expected as a result of OPEC's failure to agree a new pricing and liftings structure — should not have really affected sterling. Naturally any drop in oil revenue will affect Britain's cash flow, but that is only in the long-term. In the short-term the only factor that should be affected is the U.K.'s balance of payments since the oil is sold in dollars.

However, such is the size of Britain's export figures — the U.K. exports more as a percentage of its GDP than any other industrialized country (and that includes Japan) — that Britain's balance of payments surplus has rarely been as large for many years past. The latest figures have shown the surplus growing even larger. The effect, therefore, of any drop in Britain's dollar oil revenue, must be minimum.

Perhaps because of this, many people in Britain are now asking whether sterling's problems lie far beyond questions of balance of payments, interest rates and the like. Is it simply that sterling has been so battered about over the years that there is no confidence left in it? Certainly, to give some credence to this theory (which actually has been around for some time, even before the latest crisis), it does seem that everytime there is some international problem — financial or political — the immediate reaction in the money markets is to sell sterling.

This does seem to be the case following the abortive OPEC meeting in Geneva. Sterling's decline had little to do with oil prices, that was merely coincidental. The

fact is that the conditions for a fall were present before Geneva. OPEC's failure only acted as a catalyst.

The real reason was the recent massive flow of capital back to North America, partly because of liquidity problems there and an excess of liquidity in the U.K. market.

Although a certain amount of U.K. investments have been going overseas since the Conservative government lifted exchange controls shortly after it came to power in 1979, the figure has only recently risen to around 4 billion-5 billion pounds (\$6 billion — \$7.5 billion). Pension funds investments account for much of it. However, the North American banks (especially the Canadian banks) have a daily working liquidity of around \$50 billion. Much of it, of course, can be invested and absorbed in the dollar market which is the biggest in the world. Even so, it can only take so much.

The North Americans have, therefore, had to turn elsewhere — and where better than the sterling market which is still the second biggest money market by far in the world? On Feb. 7 it was reported that foreign banks particularly Arab banks, are at this moment moving into London at the rate of one a fortnight. Three more Arab banks arrived in 1982, bringing the number to 25 and the Riyadh Bank is expected to open a branch here shortly.

Recently, however, North America, particularly the U.S. has experienced a domestic squeeze which meant that Eurodollars had to be called home to solve the liquidity problem there.

Apart from that have been one or two domestic British factors that have helped push the sterling rate down. For example, January-March is the tax-paying season in the U.K. This could lead to a liquidity shortage if it were not for the Bank of England's policy at this time of year to move money onto the market and so prevent rates going up. This year, because there was already a surplus in the market, the Bank's policy has had the reverse effect. Instead of stopping rates going up, it has helped push them down.

Just how long the U.S. liquidity squeeze remains depends in part what happens to interest rates there. If they go up, not only will it keep funds in the U.S. it will attract further moves out of sterling. A report out Feb. 7 by the Washington-based National Association of Manufacturers, claimed that the long-expected recovery in the U.S. economy had started. That NAM should be so confident is good news indeed for President Ronald Reagan. However, exactly

what happens now on U.S. interest rates is far more difficult to work out. Recently there have been a series of contradictory reports about what the interest rates are about to do — some predicting they will rise, others saying they will stay the same. Given such contradictions, it would be surprising if there were any moves in the immediate future by the Federal Reserve. However, there is strong feeling in London financial circles that U.S. interest rates may rise in about a month's time.

Should they do so, they would add to the downward pressure on sterling and some London money merchants are privately talking about the pound dropping even further — \$1.46 is the accepted figure — before it settles.

Should sterling drop any lower than that figure in the immediate future or should the rate at which it falls be very rapid — then there is widespread belief in London that the prime minister will call a snap election — which on present showing she is highly likely to win. That in turn would push sterling back up as confidence rose. Certainly if she did so, it would mean that many dealers would have their fingers badly burnt.

However, it also has to be remembered that Mrs. Thatcher is herself something of a prisoner to the fortunes of sterling. Even though she is set to win the election, a long or drawn out campaign could result in intense pressure on sterling as electoral nervousness as to the chances of the Labor Party sets in. One consequence is that this may force the prime minister into a June election whether she wants it or not. The press, the Labor opposition and even Conservative back-bench members of parliament are sure that Mrs. Thatcher has already decided to go for June and so, from May onward, the whole atmosphere in Britain will be of an impending election, regardless of the prime minister's real intentions. This will undoubtedly affect sterling; the longer she leaves it after June, the more nervous the market will become.

If this does turn out to be the case — and it is the exact scenario that many in the City foresee, then it will not be good news for Mrs. Thatcher. She likes to show herself as the one person in Britain doing the driving.

She does not like to be seen bowing to pressure. Moreover, it is this image that provides her greatest source of support. Any question of her having to hold an election at any time other than that which she herself freely decides could do her "Iron Maiden" image serious damage. All of which, probably, adds up to yet one more reason as to why she will go for June when none of this will really show.

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EEC agrees to seek hike in IMF funds

BRUSSELS, Feb. 8 (R) — European Economic Community governments agreed to seek a rise of at least 50 percent in the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) basic lending resources to help to ease severe financial strains on the developing world.

West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg said that he would be pressing for the increase on the Community's behalf at a meeting of the IMF's powerful interim committee in Washington on Thursday.

Stoltenberg, who was speaking at a news conference after talks between Community finance ministers here, is the current president of the Common Market's finance council.

The meeting of the fund's policy-making interim committee of 22 finance ministers and central bankers was originally set for April but was brought forward to next Thursday and Friday because of mounting debt problems faced by developing countries in Latin America and elsewhere.

Monetary sources expect the committee to endorse an increase of nearly 50 percent in quotas that all 146 IMF members must pledge, boosting the total to some \$99 billion, or \$33 billion at current exchange rates.

The committee is also expected to raise the financing of the IMF's General Arrangements to Borrow (GAB), a pool of funds

established by the industrial countries, to \$19 billion from \$7.1 billion and to widen its availability to all members.

Argentina, Mexico, Brazil and Yugoslavia are among the countries which have had to seek urgent financial aid from the IMF in recent months.

It was largely because of the need to restore confidence to the international banking community, which had been shaken by the possibility of a major borrower defaulting on its debt and causing a crisis in the international financial system, that it was decided to advance the date of the meeting.

Whatever is finally agreed on quotas, the Reagan administration faces a tough fight in Congress to get the increases approved.

In the past, the United States, the agency's largest contributor, has often run into major problems in Congress when seeking authorization for IMF or World Bank financing and this year is expected to be no exception.

The U.S. has near-record unemployment rates, a still very weak economy, and is suffering record budget deficits of around \$200 billion.

Congress has already held a number of hearings on the world debt crisis and other international economic matters where the Reagan administration has argued that U.S. dependence on trade means it would suffer seriously if the international financial system were to collapse.

Stockman rules out budget compromise

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (R) — U.S. Budget Director David Stockman stood firm against compromising on President Ronald Reagan's 1984 budget, including his plan to increase defense spending by \$30 billion to a record \$235 billion.

Republican Party members and opposition Democrats in Congress have said they will trim the president's military budget for the financial year beginning Oct. 1.

But Stockman, in a CBS television interview, called on them to find any legitimate savings. "We don't think they will and we're willing to provide them with the information so that they can come to the same conclusion we have."

Stockman said the president's defense request was about at the ceiling Congress imposed for 1984 last year.

"Then they felt last year that was the minimum we could spend for defense ... maybe the economy has changed ... but the threats we face internationally and the requirements to meet them have not changed at all," he said.

Stockman also predicted the overall 1984 budget that finally emerged from Congress would not differ greatly from the one presented to them last week by Reagan.



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Top Arab banker says

OPEC states incur \$18b deficit

BAHRAIN, Feb. 8 (R) — The balance of payments of OPEC countries plunged into a deficit of possibly \$18 billion last year from a \$60 billion surplus in 1981 as the world oil glut hit earnings, the president of the Arab world's biggest international bank said Tuesday.

In an interview with Reuters, the Arab Banking Corporation (ABC) president, Abdullah Saudi, said that the best the 13 OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) members could hope for this year was that the position would not worsen.

Saudi, a 45-year-old Libyan, said that he expected Gulf countries to scale back their massive development projects as revenue fell.

OPEC countries have been badly hit by an unexpectedly severe drop in demand for their crude resulting from a combination of recession in the oil-consuming West, conservation, a switch to alternative energy and the appearance in the market of non-OPEC producers like Britain and Mexico.

Saudi said Gulf oil exporting countries

might sell some of their investments to finance spending and take out short-term bridging loans, but they were unlikely to turn to the international markets for long-term borrowings.

The Arab Banking Corporation, owned by Libya, Abu Dhabi and Kuwait, announced Tuesday that its assets jumped 65 percent to \$7.9 billion last year, making it the Arab world's largest international bank. Profits rose 23 percent to \$115 million.

Saudi said an oil price-cutting war would affect the international banking system because of the debt problems of some producers, but he did not foresee any of the world's largest banks going bankrupt. "We are a chain and everyone else would suffer. So we have to keep them afloat the same way we keep countries afloat," he said.

He added that the big international Arab banks would be relatively unaffected by any financial crisis, because they had only recently entered the international loans business in a big way.

West's plan to aid Belgrade in peril

BASLE, Feb. 8 (R) — A complex financial rescue package being organized by the West for heavily-indebted Yugoslavia has run into problems and may not be finalized for many months, European monetary sources have said.

Western governments had agreed in principle to grant Yugoslavia about \$1.3 billion on condition that it continued to draw on an International Monetary Fund (IMF) loan, and reached new loan agreements with the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and its commercial creditor banks. But the sources said the governments' contribution is being held up by a dispute over the proportion of it to consist of new financial credits.

Yugoslavia wants as much of it as possible in hard cash, while the Western governments prefer export credits or other tied loans.

The ambitious package is the first concerted Western effort to bail out a Communist, if nominal, country and is expected to total over \$3 billion. It involves 15 Western governments, scores of creditor banks, and three international financial institutions, and is to help Yugoslavia cope with a \$20 billion foreign debt.

The plan's various components are all

dependent on each other, so snags in one portion mean delays for the whole operation, the sources here for a monthly central bankers meeting at BIS, said.

Officials acknowledge privately that the rescue package has a distinct political tint to it as the West seeks its political interest in Yugoslavia staying nonaligned.

One senior central banker, who declined to be identified, said if the West failed to resolve the problems and the package therefore failed it might increase Belgrade's dependence on the Soviet Union, a worrying prospect for the U.S. and its allies.

The U.S. administration is holding back because of possible difficulties in getting financial credits approved by Congress and West Germany cannot act before a general election due to be held on March 6, they said. Other countries could give credits, but a number of them would need parliamentary approval and this may not be obtained until the autumn.

In Belgrade, National Bank Governor Raxovan Makie said Monday that Yugoslavia plans to borrow between \$4 and \$4.5 billion this year.

He added that last year Yugoslavia borrowed 96 percent of its obligations and would continue to repay its foreign debts on time in coming years, but he gave no precise figures.

However, officials and banking sources have put Yugoslavia's debt obligations at about \$5 billion in 1982, and at \$5.3 billion this year.

Makie told a press conference that the new foreign loans will be used primarily for building up national bank currency reserves and importing raw materials for export-oriented industries and consumer goods in short supply.

French airlines' staff to go on strike

PARIS, Feb. 8 (R) — Employees of France's four main airline companies have called for a 24-hour strike on Feb. 18 to press demands for improvements in their retirement scheme, union leaders said.

The strike by some 10,000 employees, including ground staff, would affect all flights of Air France, Union de Transports Aeriens (UTA) and the domestic airlines Air Inter and TAT, they said.

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Dollar rates shed gains

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — The American dollar weakened on the exchanges Tuesday despite a steady Eurodollar deposit base on the money markets. The dollar's fall started early on the New York Monday night markets and accelerated Tuesday in Europe.

The money markets, in yet another change of heart, seemed to conclude that the Tuesday night Federal Open Market Committee meeting might decide to ease back on present restrictive U.S. monetary policy which is alleged to be keeping U.S. interest rates high. On Monday night the Federal Reserve Board's "Fed fund" prime lending rate fluctuated around the 8 1/2 - 8 3/4 percent level with no sign that the "Fed" was indeed planning a major cutback on the prime lending rate.

On the bullion markets, gold and silver prices saw-sawed to trade at higher levels compared with opening level Monday and gold registered a \$10 rise to trade at \$498 an ounce. Silver prices again moved volatility to trade at \$14.05 from \$13.90 on Monday. With the dollar's fall on the exchanges, bullion dealers are somewhat confident that gold and silver prices will rise over the next few days but the markets remain volatile.

In Europe, the major currencies recovered some of the lost ground against the American currency. The German mark rose to 2.4310 levels from 2.4780 on Monday on renewed optimism that the present German coalition government might pro-

duce a workable majority in the coming March German elections. The Swiss franc rose in sympathy with the mark to trade at 2.0110 from 2.0450 on Monday despite Swiss interest rates being around the 3 percent levels at best.

The French franc was extremely volatile at 6,900 levels — 1,000 points up over Monday opening levels of 7,000 francs to the dollar and with the French central bank's policy of limited intervention during the past week apparently vindicated.

The Japanese yen was also stronger at 237.10 levels from 240.90 and the Bank of Japan was also not seen in the markets supporting the yen. The British pound, despite some lingering uncertainties over North Sea oil prices, rose by more than one and a half cents to trade at 1.3390 / £5400 compared with 1.5150 levels Monday. The recent devaluation of the pound seems to be giving a boost to British exporters and the January figures are expected to top the record December balance of trade surplus figures of over 800 million sterling.

In the local markets, rial rates opened fairly sluggish but firmed rapidly by close of business. Most short and medium tenors were higher by about 1/4 percent by close of business and the week-fixed rate to 7 - 8 percent from 5 1/2 - 6 1/2 percent 10 days ago. The one-month LIBOR rose to 7 1/2 - 7 3/4 percent, while the longer-dated funds the one-year was quoted steady at 8 1/2 - 9 percent levels. Spot rial / dollar rates were down to 3.4395-00 at one stage.

U.S. cheap butter deal angers EEC

BRUSSELS, Feb. 8 (R) — The European Economic Community could enter a growing farm trade conflict with the United States if Washington goes ahead with a deal to sell cheap butter to Egypt, community farm Commissioner Poul Dalsager has said.

Dalsager said the United States was negotiating a butter deal with Egypt only weeks after selling it one million tons of subsidized flour.

"The commission wishes to avoid an escalation (of trade conflict), but it will react in an appropriate manner," officials quoted him as telling community farm ministers.

Dalsager's comments came only days before senior officials from both sides meet here for a second round of talks aimed at defusing tensions over farm trade.

Diplomats said the flour sale last month, in retaliation to European farm subsidies, had provoked considerable anger in Brussels. "The repetition of such an action could have very serious consequences not just for these talks but for U.S.-community relations in general," Dalsager said.

European Commission President Gaston Thorn told visiting U.S. Vice President George Bush last week that he intended to challenge the flour sale under international trade rules.

Diplomats said the commission had told community governments in favor of calling off the farm talks if the sale of about 20,000 tons

of butter went through.

The flour deal pushed the community of one of its most lucrative markets, hitting the French farm industry particularly hard.

French Farm Minister Edith Cresson said there was general agreement at Monday's meeting that the commission should take a tough line with the United States during the talks. "But in the circumstances, I wonder what the nature of the discussions can be," she told reporters.

She said she had called on Dalsager Monday night to negotiate over taking appropriate measures to ensure Washington from making other deals. These could include selling wheat to countries not traditionally importing community produce, she said.

Brazil chalks up \$155m trade gam

BRASILIA, Feb. 8 (R) — Brazil's trade surplus of \$155 million in January compared with a surplus of \$15 million in December and \$52 million in January 1982, finance ministry Secretary General Vlacava said.

He told reporters the results of the first month of the year are a good sign, but he said the results do not alter the government's aim for a 1983 surplus of \$6 billion.

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Deutsche Mark (100)	142.25	141.67
Dutch Guilder (100)	129.00	128.80
Egyptian Pound	3.15	3.12
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.75	93.75
French Franc (100)	50.50	50.03
Greek Drachma (1,000)	39.00	41.75
Indian Rupee (100)		34.68
Iranian Ryal (100)		
Israeli Dinar		6.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	25.00	24.80
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.68
Jordanian Dinar	9.75	9.64
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.85	11.85
Lebanese Lira (100)	87.50	86.60
Moroccan Dirham (100)	53.50	53.52
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.56
Philippines Peso (100)		36.93
Pound Sterling	5.35	5.32
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.56	94.60
Singapore Dollar (100)		165.65
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		26.63
Swiss Franc (100)	172.00	171.25
Syrian Lira (100)	61.75	61.75
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U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
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Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Municipal & Rural Affairs Ministry	Temporary asphalt for Sovai Ubaidah villages	245	2,000	Feb. 13
" " "	Lighting Haki old streets	246	1,000	Feb. 14
" " "	Construction of 3 model markets in Shamasia, Qassim	247	500	Feb. 15
" " "	Construction of a mosque, Riyadh	248	2,000	Feb. 19
" " "	Asphalt, paving & lighting in Zulfi	54402/403	8,000	Jan. 30

PORTS AUTHORITY

JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT
SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON
25TH RABI AL THANI 1403/8TH FEBRUARY, 1983

1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3.	Kranjovic	Attar	Gen/Cl Goods	6.2.83
4.	Mazen	Sadaka	General	2.2.83
4.	Wol Wol	El Hawi	General	5.2.83
5.	Lama Island	Altawil	Rice/Sorghum	3.2.83
6.	Tellamot	Altawil	Cont/General	6.2.83
7.	Costa Arabica	S.N.L.	Contr/RoRo	7.2.83
8.	Vishva Prafulla	Alireza	General	7.2.83
9.	Pag	Attar	General/Reefer	7.2.83
10.	Asia No. 12	S.F.T.C.	Steel/Pipe	3.2.83
11.	Al Fajr Al Saudi I	Al Sabah	Steel/Marble	5.2.83
15.	Golden Benin	El Hawi	Gen/Timber	5.2.83
17.	Shoken Maru	O.C.E.	Apples	7.2.83
18.	Prometheus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	2.2.83
19.	Sagr Yanbu	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	28.1.83
20.	Sedgah	Banoodah	Steel/Timber	28.1.83
21.	Ikarion Reefer	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken	31.12.82
22.	Juventia	Orri	Timber/Gen.	29.1.83
23.	Hilco Skier	Star	Fruit/Eggs	18.1.83
24.	Reefer Queen	Attar	Contr/General	24.1.83
25.	An Anne	El Hawi	Timber	30.1.83
26.	Kopala Siem.	Al Tawit	Reefer/Bagged	27.1.83
27.	Maldiva Pioneer	Star	Meat/Rice	2.2.83
27.	Good Warrior	M.T.A	Meat/General	6.2.83

KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT DAMMAM

SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS OF
25.4.1403/7.2.1983 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS

1. VESSELS DISCHARGING:

1.	Saint Vincent	Gulf	Bulk Com/Soya	6.2.83
2.	Maghreb	Gulf	General	4.2.83
3.	Astir	Gulf	Paper/Rails/Tim	4.2.83
6.	Barbery	Orri	Gen/Steel	26.1.83
6.	Barbery	Orri	Gen/Steel	26.1.83
8.	Ibn Hayyan	Kanoo	General	4.2.83
10.	Maldiva Privilege	Orri	Gen/Timber	5.2.83
13.	Asia Chilho	SMC	General	31.1.83
15.	Sas Astrea	SEA	Gen/Timber	6.2.83
17.	Hen Nara	OCE	General	2.2.83
18.	Halla Partner	Gulf	General	3.2.82
19.	Kaghan	SEA	General	1.2.83
21.	Kilmarnock	Kanoo	Bulk Cement	30.1.83
24.	Fathulkhair	Kanoo	Loading Empty	1.2.83
25.	Union Yanbo	OCE	Loading Empty	1.2.83
26.	Axel Maersk	Kanoo	Containers	30.1.83
27.	Falcon Cement	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	26.1.83
29.	MIA	Barber	Bulk Barytes	26.1.83
30.	Tarpon Star	SCSA	General	25.1.83
31.	Federal Huran	SMC	General	28.1.83
33.	Union Beauty	Altawil	Steel/Gen.	28.1.83
36.	Pera Flag	Al Sabah	Cement Silo Vsl	4.1.83
37.	Garcia Larca (D.B.)	Barber	Bulk Cement	29.1.83
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MUSCAT BAY	9	12-3-83	Australia
NEW ZEALAND STAR	1503	23-3-83	New Zealand/ Australia

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VESSEL NAME	VOY	ETA DAMMAM	FROM
WILLINE TYSLA	513	15-2-83	Far East
WILLINE TARO	514	28-2-83	Far East
WILLINE GEUS	515	11-3-83	Far East
WILLINE TOYO	516	23-3-83	Far East

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9.2.1983

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Shipping Dept., Ba'Mahrez Centre, 8th Floor
P.O. Box 160, Port Road Tel: 6476118/6474327
Telex: 401203 BOKARI SJ, 401760 MARINE SJ.
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EFFOA ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE ARRIVALS OF THE FOLLOWING VESSELS AT JEDDAH ISLAMIC SEAPORT:

Name of the vessel	ETA
ASTREA	18.2.83
MING AUTUMN	4.3.83

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For Further Information Please Contact:

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MOVEMENT OF VESSELS UNDER ABOVE AGENCIES AT JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

Name of the vessel	ETA
BAILEY	6.2.83
PONTOS	11.2.83
LANKA SHANTHI	12.2.83
LUCENT STAR	20.2.83
SEA ASTREA	19.2.83

VESSLS RECENTLY SAILED

FRUNZANESTI	Sailed on	4.2.83
LANKA MUDITHA	Sailed on	7.2.83

YANBU PORT

GEMINI FRIENDSHIP	7.2.83
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CONSIGNEES ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO CONTACT AGENT FOR OBTAINING DELIVERY ORDER

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Name of the vessel	ETA
EVER LARGE	137.13W Arrived 5.2.83
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EVER LIGHT	135-16E 14.2.83
GREEN FORTUNE	141-22E 19.2.83
EVER LOYAL	138-18W 19.2.83
EVER HUMANITY	114-23W 26.2.83
VESSLS RECENTLY SAILED:	
EVER HANDSOME	140-22E Sailed 4.2.83

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AGENTS

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NEDLLOYD DELFT	516	10-2-83	Far East
CONTENDER ARGENT	824	22-2-83	Far East
NEDLLOYD DEJMA	536	24-2-83	Far East
CONTENDER BEZANT	617	24-2-83	Med.

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VESSEL'S NAME	VOY.	E.T.A.	FROM
TOMBARRA	69	07-2-83	Europe
JUTLANDIA	09	14-2-83	Europe
TOURCOING	32	18-2-83	Australia New Zealand
TRICOLOR	79	28-2-83	Europe
KORRIGAN	09	28-2-83	Europe

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ANNOUNCES THE ARRIVAL OF THE FOLLOWING VESSELS AT JEDDAH



RED SEA LINE

VESSEL'S NAME	VOY	ETA JEDDAH	FROM
ANNE METTE	84	14-2-83	EUROPE
LADY SERENA	85	19-2-83	EUROPE

Importers with cargo on above VESSELS are requested to obtain Delivery Orders from our Office without delay against submission of Original Bill of Lading.

BBS Barber Blue Sea

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE ARRIVAL OF VESSELS AS FOLLOWS:

VESSEL'S NAME	VOY	ETA JEDDAH	FROM
BARBER TENNESSEE	6694	07-2-83	U.S.A.
BARBER TONSBERG	3496	11-2-83	U.S.A.
BARBER THERMOPYLAE	6695	22-2-83	U.S.A.
BARBER PERSEUS	3497	26-2-83	U.S.A.
BARBER MENELAUS	6696	12-3-83	U.S.A.
BARBER PRIAM	3498	13-3-83	U.S.A.
BARBER TSU	6697	24-3-83	U.S.A.
BARBER TAIF	3499	28-3-83	U.S.A.

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THE ARRIVAL OF THE FOLLOWING VESSELS AT DAMMAM AND JUBAIL

NAME	FROM	CARGO	ARR/ETA	PORT
RYJIN MARU	U.S.A.	Cars	6-2-83	Dammam
KANG DA	Europe	General	25-2-83	Dammam
Abu Hanna	Europe	Cement	31-1-83	Jubail
Al Jabalaina	Europe	Cement	12-2-83	Jubail

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From childhood diseases

Vaccine plan to save millions

By Michael Davis

LA JOLLA, California (LOS) — Millions of children's lives could be saved every year if recent advances in the techniques of health care were applied worldwide. Saving the children's lives would slow down the world's rapid population growth.

These two propositions will be the basis of a new, high-powered international committee being formed by Dr. Jonas Salk and Robert McNamara. Dr. Salk is the founding director of the Salk Institute and the man responsible for the Salk polio vaccine. McNamara is the recently retired president of the World Bank and a former United States secretary for defense.

In the developing world, one out of every two children dies before the age of five. Ten million children a year perish from six childhood diseases and diarrheal dehydration. Tens of millions more who contract but do not die of the diseases are left permanently weakened or crippled.

Salk and McNamara say that this state of affairs need no longer persist. For the first time in human history, the means are at hand to change it.

In an interview last week, Salk said recent advances in medical technology made it feasible, as well as desirable, to carry out universal immunization against the diseases mainly responsible for the death of infants. "It sounds impossible but it is entirely possible," he said. At the Salk Institute for Biological Studies at La Jolla, California.

And, according to James Grant, executive director of the United Nations Children's Fund, a simple and effective cure is also

available for diarrheal dehydration, which kills some five million children a year. Mass immunization, together with the cure for diarrheal dehydration, makes possible a revolution in the world's health. Grant says.

"About 120 million children are born each year," Salk said. "Eighty million are born in the developing world. Of these, only some 20 million receive any health care."

The technical obstacles that hitherto stood in the way of giving all these children protection against childhood diseases, by vaccination, have now been overcome.

First, it used to be too expensive to produce vaccines in large quantities. This is no longer true. A more refined and potent polio vaccine, for example, is being produced industrially on a large scale in Lyons, France. "The method is efficient and economical and the vaccine of reliable quality," Dr. Salk said.

The new technology was developed jointly by Dutch and French scientists. Originally, polio vaccine required monkeys. Now it is being produced by means of a continuously propagating cell. Monkeys are no longer needed.

Second, polio vaccine can now be combined with DPT in one syringe. DPT stands for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough).

Third, new techniques have made vaccines more effective. In the rural areas where immunization programs are needed, the children are widely scattered. It has been hard to ensure that a child gets the required number of shots at the required intervals, so immunization has been a very complicated administrative business. In places with immunization programs, coverage has been patchy.

But it has now been demonstrated that fewer vaccine shots are needed. A program whereby each child is given only two injections, at intervals of four to six months, has proved as "efficacious" as the old multiple-shot system. Salk says. It makes possible much wider coverage.

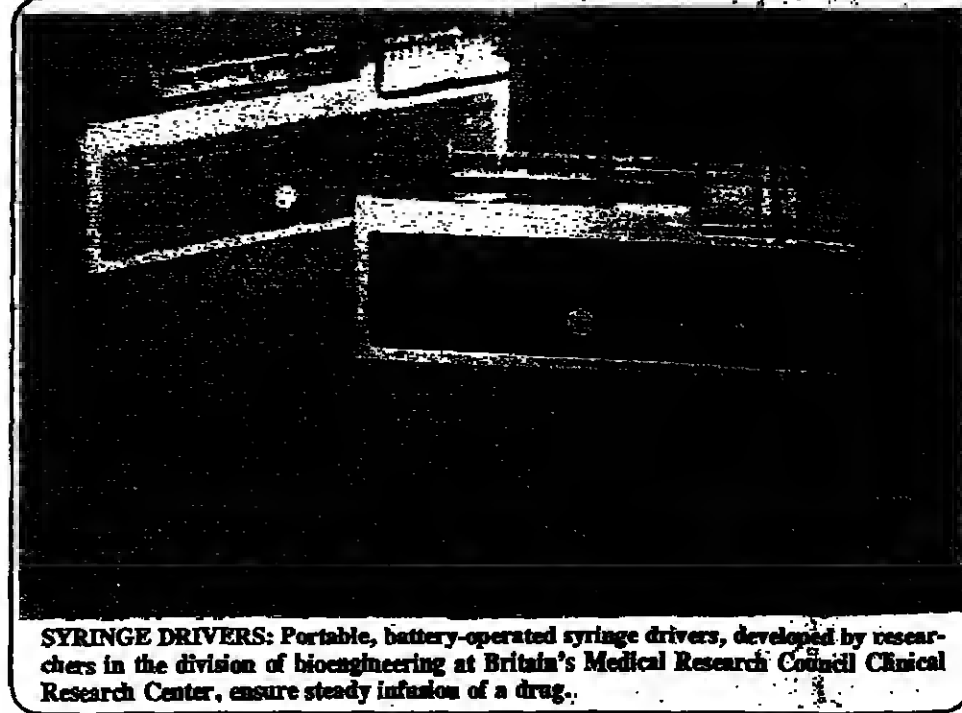
The two-shot program enormously simplifies the administrative problem and the shots provide protection against tuberculosis, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles and yellow fever. Every year, tetanus kills a million children and polio cripples some 400,000 to 500,000.

Experiments employing the new techniques have been going on in Senegal and Upper Volta in Africa. The Upper Volta scheme is funded by the Dutch government to eliminate polio there.

In both cases, Salk says, the experiments have proved successful. Salk agrees with the U.N.'s James Grant that a worldwide mass immunization program could be launched at once. In other words, a dramatic improvement in the health of the world is now simply a matter of decision.

The laboratory work has been done, says Dr. Salk, the technological and industrial work has been done, the experiments in the field have been done. "It would appear that all that remains is to put it all on a larger scale."

Fears that keeping children alive instead of letting them die will make the population explosion worse have been dismissed by the U.N. Children's Fund. "When people become more confident that their existing children will survive, they tend to have fewer babies," Grant says.



SYRINGE DRIVERS: Portable, battery-operated syringe drivers, developed by researchers in the division of bioengineering at Britain's Medical Research Council Clinical Research Center, ensure steady infusion of a drug.

Chinese device to save diesel

Rice husks used as fuel

By Zhao Ming

BEIJING (Depthnews) — Husks, long an unfortunately abundant side product, are being used to fuel rice milling in a Chinese factory and thus free up to 446 tons of diesel annually for various purposes.

As a waste product, rice husks pose removal problems. Burning results in air pollution due to the high ash content. Carting the husks away can be costly as for every two of rice milled, 400 pounds of husks are produced.

In the Chinese process, though, the husks are used to produce coal gas which then powers the plant. Jia Peiyi, deputy general engineer of the Power Generating Equipment Design Institute, Jiangsu province, spent several years designing the mechanism.

"The equipment is simple to operate," Jia says, requiring a staff of only one technician and 15 workers. "No special technique is required and ordinary diesel-engine operators can do the job." The machinery needs to be checked once a week and overhauled once a year during the off-season for rice crops.

Husks discarded during milling are blown through a pipe to a storage tank on top of a special stove, ensuring a steady supply of husks for gas production. In the stove, husks are kept semi-ignited, at a temperature of 700 to 900 degrees Celsius. This prevents complete carbonization, and loss of the necessary gases. During combustion, carbon monoxide, oxygen and small quantities of methane are produced.

Every cubic meter of the resulting gas also contains two to three grams of organic matter and half a gram of coal tar. The organic matter could damage and erode machine parts, and the high temperature (the gas, at this point, is 300 to 400 degrees Celsius) could greatly reduce the generator's capacity. The gas is then filtered and cooled as a solution.

In a washing tube, the larger grains of organic matter along with some of the coal tar are washed away, and temperature is reduced to 40 to 50 degrees Celsius. The gas then moves on to a two-tiered tower which further reduces organic matter and coal tar content to .03 grams per cubic meter. The temperature goes down to that of cooled water. At this point, the gas in a 50-50 mixture with fresh air is usable for powering the generator.

The cooled water coming from the tower

and containing organic matter and coal tar is then sent through a pile of ash accumulated from previous washings. The ash serves as a filter for the liquid, and clean water results.

The 140-kilowatt generator using this process in Wujiang county, Jiangsu, is the ideal size for a rice milling plant with a daily capacity of 25 to 75 tons of rice, using seven tons of husks. The plant contains devices for husk delivery and supply, gas filtering, cooling and generating, and chimer treatment as well as a power distribution system.

This plant is the first and only one of its kind in China as the practice in rural areas is to use husks for animal feed and cooking fuel. A plant with a daily output of 25 tons of rice can have a surplus of 300,000 to 400,000 kilowatt hours of electricity over one year.

And saving in diesel is quite considerable as well, says Jia, who also cited the benefits of using an otherwise discarded substance. "First of all, this process turns waste into valuable energy resources. For one ton of rice, a modern rice milling plant consumes 6.86 liters of diesel, but one ton of paddy husks can replace the capacity of 110 liters to 140 liters of diesel," Jia explains.

He says the benefits over a one-year period is obvious. "A rice milling plant with a capacity of 50 tons of rice daily would need 80 tons of diesel annually, but efficient use of the plant's 3,000 tons of husks a year (for a milling capacity of more than 15,000 tons) could result in a saving of 375 tons to 446 tons of diesel annually, he says. "This is, of course, quite valuable to energy deficient countries, and to countries where energy is not a problem as well, since it is far cheaper than petroleum and coal," Jia says.

The plant itself in turn benefits, adds Jia, as the inexpensive energy helps to reduce cost, and thus increase profits. The cost of electricity per watt hour, produced through husk burning is 60 percent lower than electricity generated by diesel.

China's husk-powered milling plant used to consume 70,000 yuan (\$36,500) worth of diesel annually. Now fuel costs amount to 10,000 yuan (\$5,210) a year. The cost per watt hour of electricity has decreased from 0.11 yuan (\$0.056) under diesel power to .02 yuan (\$0.01) by husks.

In addition to powering the rice mill, husks are also used to produce electricity for mechanized rice storage, rice piling, repairs and lighting.

U.S. putting tiny meteors to farm work

By Albert Schlicht, Jr.

WASHINGTON (BS) — The size of grains of sand, meteors fly in from outer space and pummel the earth's atmosphere every day — and save the U.S. government money.

The tiny specks, millions of them, strike the top layers of the atmosphere, producing short trails of electrified particles 80 to 120 kilometers above the surface of the earth.

The little meteors' electrified trails, only a few centimeters long, are money in the bank for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which bounces radio signals off their cigar-shaped tails to monitor the depth of snow in the mountains of the Western United States.

Instead of using an expensive satellite communications system or stringing kilometers of wires over mountaintops, the department's Soil Conservation Service takes advantage of these naturally occurring meteor trails to bounce radio signals from remote sites in the Rocky, Sierra and Cascade mountains to receiving stations in Ogden, Utah, and Boise, Idaho.

The snow data are then forwarded from these two stations to a computer at the conservation service's West Technical Service Center in Portland, Oregon, where up-to-the-minute information on the mountain snow packs is always available.

Mountain snows provide these U.S. states — Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming — with more than 70 percent of their water supply during the year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The department said the "meteor burst phenomenon" was accidentally discovered by radio operators years ago when they found their signals traveling unexpectedly long distances after inadvertently being bounced off the little trails.

The phenomenon is similar to the radio "blackout" that occurs when manned spacecraft return from earth orbit and enter the atmosphere. The speeding spacecraft heat up the atmospheric particles to a degree that ionizes (i.e., electrifies) the particles, interrupting radio communications with the astronauts.

In other words, the radio signals from earth to the spacecraft bounce off the sheath of ionized particles around the craft just as the radio signals from the snow-covered Rockies bounce off the billions of ionized meteor trails.

How does the Soil Conservation Service know in advance when a meteor will come? "We don't know," says J. R. Flecker, an agricultural engineer with the agency.

"But there are so many meteors coming through the atmosphere that we know we will hit one sooner or later," he said.

This snow-monitoring system has been dubbed SNOTEL (short for snow telemetry) by the department.

Indeed, SNOTEL is capable of providing them with daily bulletins on the amount of snow that will change to water in the spring. Copyright (c) 1982 The Baltimore Sun.

SMOKING AND LUNG CANCER



Dr. Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I'll ask a one-sentence question: Could you please write a few words about lung cancer? Thank you — Mr. Q.

Dear Mr. Q.: I'll use more than one sentence, but only a few, considering the scope and importance of lung cancer. Here are some of the latest words on the subject from an article in *Geriatrics* by Drs. Richard A. Matthey, M.D. and John R. Balmes, M.D.:

Lung cancer is the leading cause of death from cancer in American men and the second most frequent cancer killer of American women. The average patient is a heavy cigarette smoker in the sixth or seventh decade of life. Fewer than 5 percent of patients are under 40. Evidence still incriminates tobacco smoking (especially cigarettes) as the main cause. Whether you are a man or woman, the risk is related directly to how long you have smoked, how much, when begun, the depth of inhalation and the tar and nicotine levels in the cigarettes smoked.

In comparison with non-smokers, average cigarette smokers have a nine- to tenfold increased risk of developing lung cancer. There are other factors such as atmospheric pollution. Among asbestos workers, one death out of five is due to lung cancer. Only about 5 percent of lung cancer patients have no symptoms. The tumor is discovered on routine chest X-ray. But other common symptoms are cough, expectoration of blood, hoarseness — and other symptoms associated with

the spread of the cancer. In addition to regular X-rays, examination of sputum, needle biopsy, there are such tests as radionuclide scanning, computerized tomography, endoscopy and others. Treatment depends upon the type of cancer involved: surgical resection, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, immunotherapy.

What's the prognosis? That will depend upon the type of cancer. For example, the overall 5-year survival rate for squamous cell cancer is 18 percent. But 23 percent of adenocarcinoma patients and 13 percent with large cell cancer will be alive at 5 years. Small cell carcinoma is associated with the worst outcome — only 1 to 2 percent of patients surviving 5 years. (End of statistics.) Personal question: do you smoke, Mr. Q.?

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I've been suffering from rheumatoid arthritis for several years. Several doctors have told me how important it is to exercise — also to rest. The question is: how much? At times I think I try to do too much and feel worse. At other times, I try to rest too much and also feel worse. What to do? — Mrs. Y.

Dear Mrs. Y.: Have you been trying to make your own decisions on rest and exercise? Better not rely on your own judgment. Ask your doctor to sketch the moderate middle-road to walk between too much exertion and too little exertion.

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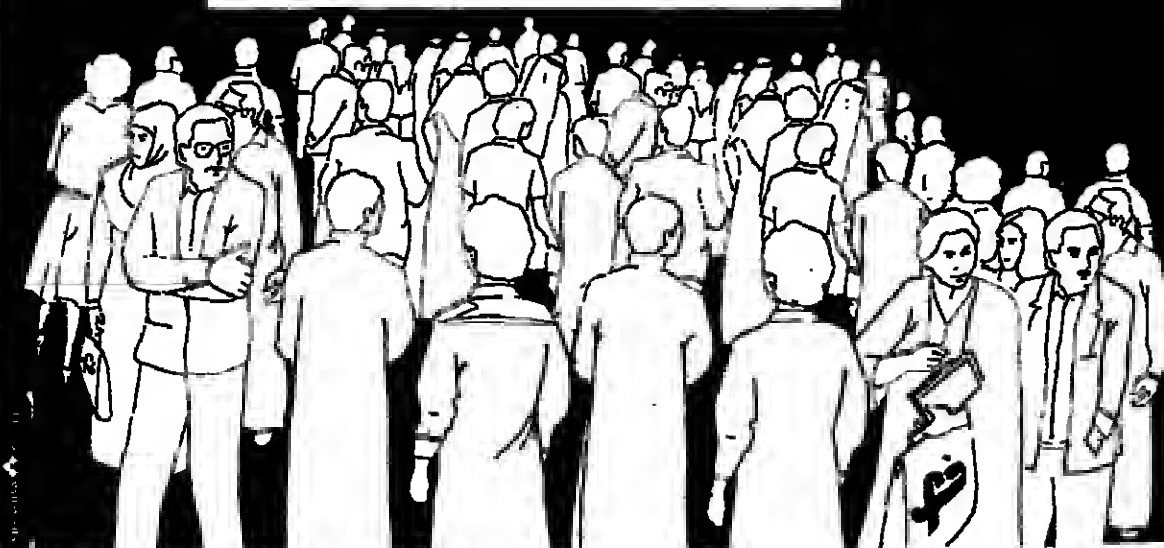
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A further addition to knowledge of nature Philippines' strange sea creatures

By Beny A. Bengwayan

CUYO ISLAND, Philippines (Depthnews) — They came out of the depths with tales that rival Jules Verne's coming across unnamed marine plants and animals never seen before, some very strange fish species, and finding life present in depths where no one expected it.

In fact, they made some of the more significant discoveries in modern oceanography. The venture was part of an effort to gather clues from tropical waters which can bring about a general understanding of marine life in temperate water zones of various countries. And probably lead to a wiser management of the seas.

The scientists came from the Smithsonian Marine Oceanographic Institute working with the Philippine Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, the University of the Philippines, the National Research Council, Silliman University and San Carlos University. Dr. Herman Fehrmann of the Smithsonian served as project coordinator while Dr. Angel Alcala of Silliman led the Philippine group. For more than two months, they collected about 500 fish species representing some 80 families and 400 species of algae. They have collected, for instance, deep-sea fishes like the flathead, a rare sample of "Trachipterus" family.

The study area: the Indonesia-Australia-Philippines water trench which holds the distinction of housing one of the richest and widest collections of marine plants and animals in the world. It is also one of the deepest and treacherous since it is virtually the core of the deepest ocean on earth — the Philippine Deep.

Philippine and American scientists laid the groundwork for the marine biology expedition with the agreement that the Philippines

will be a chief recipient of duplicate collection and further studies in Washington.

So unprepared was the expedition when they saw life in depths where it is not expected that most of the catch have to be analyzed at Smithsonian's well-equipped laboratories.

The startling finds have led many of researchers to comment that it was like a page out of Jules Verne's novel *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*.

The Indo-Aus-Phil region has various depths dropping beyond a two-mile mark with narrow connecting channels. When tidal forces of the moon and the sun tug at the sea, it either reverses the normal flow of water or at certain times, places the north and south currents at sideways motion.

When moon and sun are aligned so that gravitational force of one is added to the other, maximum tide occurs. This explains why currents in these straits attain such speed and power so as to create areas of violent surface turbulence and dangerous whirlpools.

Result of the solar-lunar tug moves the water further down to strike barrier shallows and then violently deflected upward, dragging with them a host of organisms from below. Hence, the teeming catch of living or half-living creatures whose habitat is normally down where all is black and still.

Pushed upward, these deep-sea animals expire. None from the deep survives. Some observers believe the deep-sea fishes die not of the decreased pressure but due to increased temperature.

However, those gasping for life exhibited blisters, possibly caused by expanding gases as a fish is forced upward to zones of lower pressure. Pressure increases sharply as the ocean descends. At four miles down, for

example, water crushes with a weight 640 times that of the atmosphere, or four and a half tons to the square inch.

It was theorized that deep-sea life can endure crushing weight by maintaining equal pressure inside body tissues. Fish with closed air bladders must stay within restricted depths lest expansion of the bladder bring sudden buoyancy and force them to "fall" upward and die.

Miraculously, many other fishes migrate rapidly from one depth to another — sometimes daily — without injury. This is possibly due to sophisticated, built-in thermostatic system. Mortality among specimens hauled up from the icy-cold abyss may result more from temperature change than pressure.

Man, by comparison, can stand little more pressure underwater than 65 pounds to the square inch. To go deeper and later resurface too swiftly will result in a person getting the "bends," the fast chemical reaction of oxygen in the blood to nitrogen.

Astonishingly, some fish species examined showed envenomation, indicating an inability to adjust to the diminished pressure of the surface. In other words, they also got the bends. According to Joseph D. Libbey, the group's diving consultant, minimizing injury during the expedition was achieved by following strict diving regulations.

Anything gathered will be distributed to national and foreign scientists in other countries for further identification and study including the naming of new specimens with approval from the Philippines.

While the expedition discovered the abundance of algae, some of which are table delights, it also established the non-presence of it in areas where daylight cannot penetrate, preventing photosynthetic organisms to live. Hence, all creatures deep down tend to be predators or scavengers living on carrion that continually rain down from upper sea layers.

While the Indo-Aus-Phil Watertrench may be one of the world's richest seabeds, it is as much a jungle that demands ruthless competition, swarming with deep-sea carnivores and a place of hunger where sanctuary does not exist. Most inhabitants of the great depths are relatively small, pointing to the overwhelming competition for food.

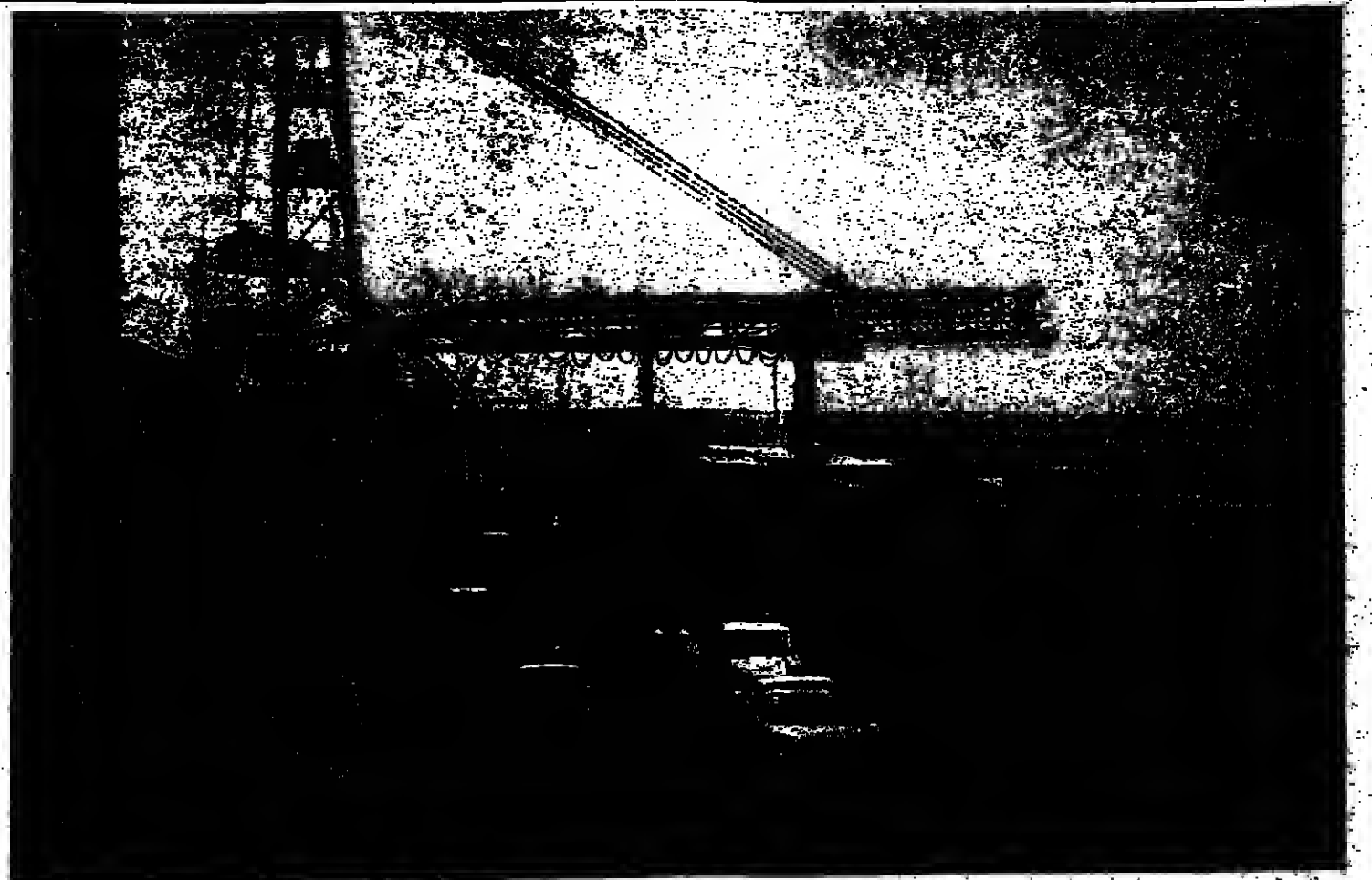
The expedition employed the time-honored tradition of natives in collecting specimens. A quarter moon, for instance, can assure a catch from the upper layer of the sea. A full moon was needed to bring swarms of specimens near or to the surface of the sea. A strong ocean wind usually attract sea life to concentrate on one area. By this method, the expedition tackled the problem of obtaining fish species that migrate vertically and range down to considerable depths. Rarest species were found only during the maximum currents of the full or new moon.

Dr. Fehrmann chose rotenone chemical filled in plastic bags to preserve the expedition's catch. Once underwater, the scientists release the whitish fluid to stun the fish but spare the larger, known and edible ones.

One work of the expedition was to determine how far sunlight penetrates down into the Indonesian-Australian-Philippines Watertrench. Some members of the diving team recalled that when William Beebe, one of the world's famous oceanographers, descended in his bathysphere near Bermuda some years ago, he reported the faintly blue remnants of daylight at 1,900 feet and absolute blackness at 2,000 feet.

Actually, the expedition noted, depth to which daylight penetrates the Indo-Aus-Phil region depends on various factors.

These include the angle of the sun to the surface and the amount of light absorbing plankton and other suspended material in the watertrench.



COAL LOADING: One of the demands of anti-damners was that Tasmania's power station should convert from oil to coal which is available in Australia. Picture shows coal loading operations in Queensland, the major coal producing area in the country.

Dam site becomes battle ground

By Nigel Ash

HOBART, Tasmania (LOS) — The 1983 international conservationist battle ground looks set to be in Tasmania, where a planned dam threatens a vast and beautiful wilderness around the Gordon and Franklin rivers containing rare animals and barely explored caves occupied by Aborigines 20,000 years ago.

The struggle is the more bitter and important for the conservationists because this area of southwest Tasmania is on the United Nations World Heritage list, where it ranks in importance with the Grand Canyon and the Serengeti National Park.

In past weeks Tasmanian police have arrested several hundred demonstrators who have attempted to stop contractors starting work on access roads. A thousand protesters are camped out in the area. The Liberal state Premier Robin Gray has called the conservationists' treachery from the mainland who should mind their own business.

In 1981, 40 percent of Tasmanians registered their opposition to the dam in a referendum. (Voting in Australia is compulsory.)

The conflict has overflowed into national politics. Malcolm Fraser's Liberal government, ignoring the anti-dam conclusions of a special Senate committee, last month approved finance for the project.

Pollsters indicate that anti-dam sentiment could cost the Liberals power in national elections scheduled sometime this year. However, Fraser has a good conservationist record. In 1981 his government was the first in the world to ban whaling and whale product imports. In 1976 he stopped damaging sand-mining on Fraser Island. As a back-bencher in the 1950s he saved the Princess Alexandra parrot from bird collectors and extinction.

The guess now is that Fraser is going for a firm and private word in the ear of the Tasmanian premier. Even if there are valid federal powers to stop the dam, Canberra is reluctant to use in an election year since the Tasmanian government has vowed to fight back in the High Court, arguing the emotive issue of state rights. Some cynics suspect Fraser will push for a moratorium on dam work then set up a federal commission that will not report until after the national elections.

That would pose a problem for the thus far non-political Tasmanian Wilderness Society, which is leading the dam protest. There are a number of influential Liberal backbenchers and at least two cabinet ministers, as well as the Young Liberal causes, who are "no dammers."

If the society throws its weight behind Labor, the anti-dam party, at the elections, these people and a fair number of Liberal-voting conservationists could well be alienated.

The local Hydroelectric Commission has already dammed nearly all the island's major rivers. Known as the "hydro" it has been described as Tasmania's de facto government and has been credited with the fall last year of the Labor state government, after signs of half-heartedness on the latest dam issue.

The Hydro says the 180 megawatt dam will produce new jobs from industries eager to use the cheap hydroelectricity — an important point in Tasmania, which has Australia's highest unemployment. However, the Hydro also admits that once the dam is built, it will need no more than 29 people to operate it.

The conservationists argue that Tasmania's long-standing cheap power policy has failed to attract significant industry and

new jobs. Last week their case received an unexpected boost when Shell announced the discovery of huge coal deposits on the island.

The anti-damners reason that if Tasmania's only power station were converted from oil to coal, the winning of the coal would provide a major boost for employment. They also maintain that energy from a coal-fired station would be cheaper than one from the new dam.

But all the arguments, reasoned or emotional, merely hide a deeper issue. Mainland Australians have never had a very high opinion of their Tasmanian countrymen and the Tasmanians know it. For the state government in Hobart, the dam has become an issue of pride. For the mainland conservationists, the Tasmanians are running true to form.

One protester said: "The white settlers there did a great job wiping out the Tasmanian aborigines. Now they're working on wiping out the last decent piece of their environment."

Chronicler of black life

By Richard Lander

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Following the lifting of a government ban, South Africans can again read the words of writer Can Themba, one of the best authors to evoke the hope and despair of the country's black city life.

Themba's work centered on the vibrant and often dangerous Johannesburg township of Sophiatown shortly before it was demolished and rebuilt as a smart white suburb. Although Sophiatown died in 1955 and Themba some 13 years later, his anthology *The Will to Die* was proscribed by the government until last August. Now the ban is lifted, Themba's book, impossible to obtain previously because of South Africa's stringent censorship laws, has been made available to the public.

Themba's best writing was published in the 1950s in *Drum*, the first magazine aimed at South Africa's swelling black urban population. Run by an unlikely mixture of leading South African black writers and white

Englishmen such as author Anthony Sampson, *Drum* painted the joyful tide of cramped township life.

It had stories on jazz and boxing, as well as bringing to light the humiliation and degradation that came with apartheid or separate racial development. It was a world into which Themba fitted perfectly. He came to *Drum*'s notice after winning one of its short-story contests and quickly gave up his school-teaching job to join the magazine's staff.

In the words of *Drum*'s publisher Jim Bailey, "his understanding of the black townships of Johannesburg was intuitive, complete and magical." Themba himself talked of the "swarming, cacophonous, strutting, brawling, vibrating life" that existed there.

Although never a revolutionary journal, *Drum* dedicated itself to showing how apartheid affected the ordinary black. Themba played his full part in exposing this. He wrote fondly of those who forgot apartheid. "Their battle was a difficult one, but at least they had one thing on their side...The promise that man was fundamentally good."

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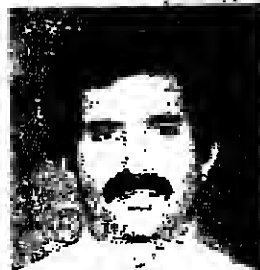
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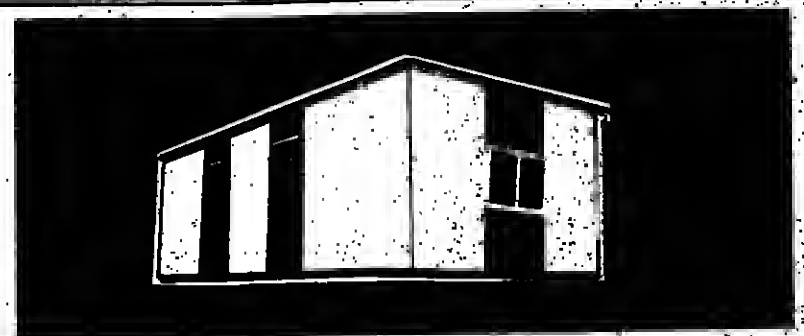
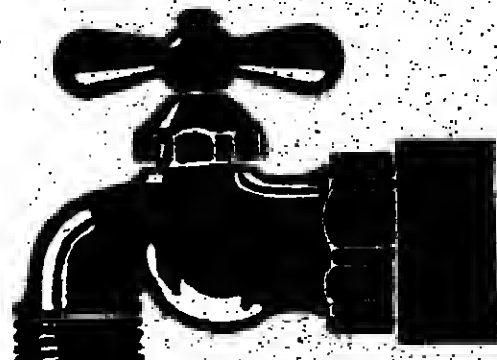
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Vietnamese Army claims moving back

PHNOM PENH, Feb. 8 (Agencies)—The Vietnamese Army in Cambodia has moved back about 10 kms from Cambodia's border with Thailand, "generally" leaving only Cambodian troops, backed by Vietnamese artillery, along the frontier, according to informed sources here.

Cambodian Foreign Minister Hun Sen did not deny the reports. But nor was it possible to confirm them independently as journalists are not authorized to travel to the border area. A total of 150,000-180,000 Vietnamese troops are stationed in Cambodia, with the Cambodian army numbering, according to Western sources here.

The Vietnamese news agency VNA last week denied that Vietnamese troops had attacked the Nong Chan Cambodian refugee camp, near Poipet, and hinted that only Cambodian troops had been involved. Officials here, however, withheld any comment. Hun Sen said the replacement of Vietnamese troops by Cambodian units was made possible by "the weakening of the enemy" and by the "strengthening of the national army." "When our troops can take the place of the Vietnamese, they do so as during last July's Vietnamese withdrawal," he noted. He said there would be "further withdrawals as soon as possible."

Hun Sen stressed that the Vietnamese pullback should not be read as a "unilateral gesture" in line with the "security zones" proposed to Thailand last July by Indochinese foreign ministers at a meeting in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon). "Our objective was only to make the best use of our forces," he said.

At their sixth meeting in Ho Chi Minh City, Indochinese foreign ministers had proposed that the security zone on both sides of the Thai-Cambodian border be manned only by Thai forces on the Thai side (with a pullback of Cambodian guerrillas) and by Cambodian government troops on the other side (with Hanoi's troops moving back to the rear).

Vietnamese sources here also said that Cambodian soldiers played a bigger role in the Cambodian heartland, being organized in small anti-guerrilla units. The Cambodian Army was "more mobile and more effective in thwarting infiltrations and also more motivated," they added. Each squad (of 30 to 35 men) was accompanied by two or three Vietnamese advisers, several sources said.

Foreign sources also indicated that the Cambodian Army was playing a more prominent political role in the provinces, with a military official sitting on each of the provincial committees (administrations).

Mount St. Helens erupts

VANCOUVER, Washington, Feb. 8 (AP)—Mount St. Helens erupted again Monday, building a new mound of lava on the 700-foot high dome in the volcano's crater. There were no reports of explosions, mudflows or ash. Officials said they did not know when the eruption began.

The eruption was confirmed at about noon Monday by geologists who flew over the southwest Washington volcano, said Thomas Corcoran of the U.S. Forest Service. Corcoran said a geologist in a fixed-wing plane saw a new lobe of lava growing on the east side of

the dome, but that ground crews had yet to confirm it.

On Sunday, the U.S. Geological Survey and the University of Washington had warned that movement within the crater and gas emissions indicated Mount St. Helens would erupt within two weeks.

Mount St. Helens awoke from a 161-day hiatus with two explosions Wednesday and Thursday. The volcano stirred to life in this century in March 1880. Its May 18, 1980, eruption left 59 persons dead or missing and sent up an ash cloud which circled the globe.

63 U.K. women pacifists held

GREENHAM COMMON, England, Feb. 8 (AP)—Sixty-three women peace campaigners were arrested Monday at the U.S. Air Force base here, protesting plans to deploy American Cruise nuclear missiles.

"A number of persons penetrated the perimeter of the air base. They were arrested and removed by police and the base is now secure again," said a police spokesman at nearby Newbury. He said 29 women got inside the fence, were arrested and later released pending possible charges. Another 34 women were arrested outside the gates and charged with obstructing the highway. They will appear in court April 18.

The incident, second of its kind in five weeks, occurred 48 hours before U.S. Vice President George Bush was due to arrive in Britain on the final stop of a seven-nation European tour to muster support for American defense and disarmament policies.

Bush, due in London Wednesday, has been appealing to European allies to stand behind a NATO Dec. 12, 1979, decision to deploy 572 Pershing II and Cruise missiles—starting by the end of this year—and to support the U.S. position in disarmament talks with the Soviet Union in Geneva. Britain is to take 160 Cruise missiles, 96 at Greenham Common.

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SWEARING-IN: President Reagan is looking on as Elizabeth Dole (left) is being sworn in as transportation secretary by Sandra O'Connor (right), the first woman judge of the supreme court. Mrs. Dole, wife of Senate Finance Committee Chairman Robert Dole, succeeds Drew Lewis who resigned last month to take up a non-government post. In the middle is Mrs. Dole's mother, Mary Hanford.

'Rights violation at its worst'

U.S. report raps Latin American countries

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (R)—The Reagan administration said in a report issued Tuesday that human rights under right-wing governments around the world had improved in the past year but that harsh conditions persisted under Communist regimes.

The administration declared human rights to be at the core of U.S. foreign policy, in an annual report prepared by the State Department under a requirement laid down by Congress.

"Our reputation among the people in important countries that are dictatorships will suffer if we come to be associated not with liberty, but with despotism," it said. The report reiterated Reagan's reference for quiet diplomacy rather than former President Jimmy Carter's public condemnation of abuses to put pressure on repressive regimes.

Latin American and Caribbean countries threatened by insurgencies and those with leftist governments remained the worst human rights violators, the report said.

In Asia also, it said, the pattern was human rights improvements under right-wing governments but persistent bad conditions under communism.

The State Department said racial separation had brought increased violence both inside South Africa and to its neighbors despite proposals for reform.

In El Salvador, where the civilian-military junta is supported by Washington, there were signs of improvement last year, although serious human rights problems persisted, the report said. It said the number of politically-motivated killings and disappearances reported in 1982 dropped substantially from the previous year and that "the armed forces demonstrated an increased awareness of the need to respect human rights."

There had been improvement under the military regime in Guatemala, which the United States also backs in its struggle against leftist guerrillas. The government of Gen.

José Efraín Ríos Montt, which took over last March, had committed itself to ending human rights abuses under the previous regime, the report said.

In Guatemala's cities, there has been a marked decrease in killings and disappearances, although some abuses continue to be reported.

Under the military regimes of Argentina and Chile, there was progress on the human rights front, although the pace of improvements in Chile had slowed. In Argentina, the freedom of political parties increased; political prisoners were released at a faster rate, and the press and trade unions engaged in an upsurge of free activity, although human rights problems persisted, it said.

In Marxist Nicaragua, on the other hand, "the human rights situation deteriorated markedly in 1982." The report said the government had subjected the Miskito Indian tribe to torture, executions and forced marches.

U.K. observes 1st Don't Smoke Day today

LONDON, Feb. 8 (AP)—Britain's dwindling number of smokers will be under new pressure to kick the habit Wednesday with this country's first "Don't Smoke Day," modeled on the annual "Great American Smokeout."

Organizers hope that despite their tiny \$7.650 budget, five million of Britain's 18 million smokers—40 percent of adults compared with 70 percent two decades ago—will quit for the day, and 250,000 of these will give up smoking permanently.

The campaign coincides with a \$380,000 advertising campaign by tobacco companies, alarmed at an unprecedented 15 percent drop in cigarette sales in two years. But that drop was prompted more by sharply higher

taxes than 21 years of health warnings. "Don't Smoke Day" is the brainchild of a retired hospital administrator, Tom Hurst, 69, operating from a small London office as head of the 1,000-member, all-volunteer National Society of Non-Smokers. "If only 1,000 give up, it's worth it," he said.

Hurst said an estimated one million Americans quit permanently after the most recent U.S. Smokeout, an event organized by the American Cancer Society, on Nov. 18. He hopes next year the United States and Britain will declare a joint "no-smoke" day as the first step toward a worldwide day. Hurst's campaign has the blessing of the State Department of Health, and of Ash (Action on Smoking and Health), a state-aided anti-

smoking body.

Advice sheets tell smokers how to get through Wednesday: but away cigarettes and matches the night before, avoid sitting around after meals, visit libraries or other non-smoking public places, do little jobs long put off.

On the other hand, the industry group, the Tobacco Advisory Council, is offering a campaign keyed to the idea that cigarette smokers pay \$17.6 million a day in taxes. The industry is banned from television advertising and forbidden to suggest that smoking is glamorous or sexy. It must also include government health warnings in ads. Smoking still kills 50,000 Britons a year, Health Department surveys show.

In the last two annual budgets, the government has slapped a total of 33.6 U.S. cents tax on a packet of 20 cigarettes. That means 74 percent of the now average \$1.62 cost of a pack of cigarettes is tax. Only the Danes, with 87 percent tax and cigarettes costing around \$2 a pack are taxed more heavily.

Cigarette sales peaked at 137.4 billion in 1973, and have been falling ever since. The biggest drop—by 11 billion to 110 billion—followed the 1981 tax increase.

Haughey survives party challenge

DUBLIN, Feb. 8 (AP)—Former Prime Minister Charles Haughey survived a crucial challenge to his leadership of Ireland's opposition Fianna Fail party Monday night.

The party's deputies in the Dail's lower house of parliament voted 40-33 to reject a motion calling for his immediate resignation, party officials reported. Fianna Fail, the Irish Republic's largest single party, has 74 deputies in the 166-seat Dail. Haughey, 57, said Sunday he would resign as party leader if the vote went against him, but would stay in the party. Fianna Fail has been divided over Haughey since he narrowly beat former Premier George Colley for the leadership in December, 1979.

Fianna Fail endured a string of political scandals before Haughey's last administration

Food stores in Ghana said empty

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 8 (AP)—Food stores in Accra are empty. Fishermen said their three-day catch would sell for 15 times a Ghanaian's daily wage, and how hundreds of thousands of Ghanaians, expelled by Nigeria must find food.

Under these conditions, a Danish Red Cross official just back from Ghana said Monday the West African nation faces an almost certain "hunger catastrophe" in a few months. "The people I talked to said there has been no meat in Accra stores since December, 1981, and that people were returning to the bush to kill antelope and other wildlife for food," said Elgi Petersen, secretary-general of the Danish Red Cross.

The official said he spent the weekend in the Ghanaian capital to supervise the distribution of 12,000 blankets flown there in a Spanish Air Force C-130 Hercules. He said the blankets went to the Accra trade fair center, which is the main station for processing and distributing blankets to the Tema Hospital, which has treated thousands of persons injured, sick and exhausted from their long trek home.

The doctors there said what they need most is anti-malaria drugs, pain-killers, sedatives, hypodermic syringes and most of all food," Petersen said.

He said that Sunday Tema Hospital treated about 500 repatriates suffering from exhaustion, pneumonia and wounds from beatings. He said hospital staff did not say where, under what conditions the beatings took place. "They told me they had treated many thousands of people over the past 14 days, but I noticed the hospital had just one 120-liter refrigerator for storing medicine," he said. "They said a lot of drugs had to be thrown out after becoming spoiled in the heat."

Petersen said that, on a tour of Accra harbor with a Ghanaian guide, he saw a fishing boat put in with three "big, cod-looking fish." With the help of my guide, I learned that the price of the fish was 180 cedis (Ghanaian currency). Then I learned that Ghanaian's average daily salary is 12 cedis," Petersen said.

The official exchange rate for cedis is 2.5 to a dollar, but Petersen said some Danes he met there told him they got as many as 80 cedis to a dollar on Accra's black market. A pack of cigarettes, he said, carries a government-fixed price of 20 cedis. Petersen said that, despite Accra's other problems, he was impressed with the speed in which Ghanaian officials processed the repatriates and transported them to their home villages.

"On both nights, I saw 25,000-30,000 people waiting at the trade center for processing. By morning, all but a few were gone," he said. Petersen said he planned to return to the Ghanaian capital on Wednesday with a Danish Red Cross shipment of 20 tons of powdered milk, 15 tons of flour, vitamin pills and nine standard medical kits. The kits are sufficient for treating 30,000 patients a month, he said.

U.S. tests missile above atmosphere

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—The U.S. Army Monday conducted the first in a series of experimental missile firings to explore the technology that would be needed to use ballistic missiles as defensive weapons above the earth's atmosphere, the Pentagon announced.

The experiment involved a target intercontinental missile launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, being intercepted above the Pacific Ocean by a missile fired from the Kwajalein range in the Pacific, the announcement said. It said, "results of the experiment are being analyzed."

Police station attacked

3 Assamese killed in firing

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8 (Agencies)—Three persons were killed and several wounded when police fired on angry crowds Tuesday in the troubled northeastern state of Assam, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported. The agency said a curfew was clamped on the Belsor area, 80 kms from the state capital Gauhati, after police opened fire on a crowd which attacked a police station. Several policemen were hurt.

Violence has flared in Assam during the past week as militant Assamese have stepped up a campaign calling for a boycott of state elections due to start Feb. 14. PTI quoted official sources as saying 13 persons have so far died in police firing and seven in other incidents. But unofficial sources put the figure much higher, it added.

The assembly elections are being opposed by groups demanding the removal of illegal immigrants, mostly Bangladeshis, from electoral rolls and their eviction from the state. Senior Home Ministry officials left Delhi Tuesday for Assam to assess the situation. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is due to visit the state next Thursday.

Meanwhile, local journalists reached by telephone said the death toll in Tuesday's police firing was higher than the official body count of three dead. But, they said, they could not confirm unofficial reports that said between four and six persons had been fatally shot.

For Shcharansky's release

Soviets angered by Pym's demand

MOSCOW, Feb. 8 (R)—The Soviet Union attacked the British government Tuesday over an appeal by Foreign Secretary Francis Pym to free imprisoned dissident Anatoly Shcharansky.

The official Tass news agency said a request Monday by Pym for the immediate release of Shcharansky on humanitarian grounds could only be regarded as an attempt to "revive a provocative anti-Soviet campaign." Shcharansky was jailed for 13 years in 1977 on spying charges which he denied. He has been on hunger strike for the last five months in protest at not being allowed to send or receive mail and at being denied visits by relatives.

Tass political commentator Yuri Kornilov said the British appeal for his release was linked to an impending visit to London by

U.S. Vice President George Bush and to the resumption Tuesday of the Madrid conference on security and cooperation in Europe. Bush sought greater coordination of efforts in the organization of a crusade against socialism announced by President Reagan in London last year, Tass said.

The Soviet agency added that certain groups opposed to détente were attempting to use the Madrid European conference on security and disarmament as a forum for slandering the Kremlin's domestic and foreign policies. Tass said the resumption of the Madrid meeting and the British demand for the release of Shcharansky were clearly planned to coincide. Shcharansky was closely associated with the Moscow-based Helsinki Committee monitoring Soviet human rights.

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